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Seeing Pagan volcano awaken

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The plan was to do what's called a "traverse exploration" of Pagan island, starting from the south side and going north. When Vladislav Melnik was dropped off on the south side of the island, the volcano on the north side was just emitting smoke but then, after a few days, "it started to release a lot of ashes [sic] with force

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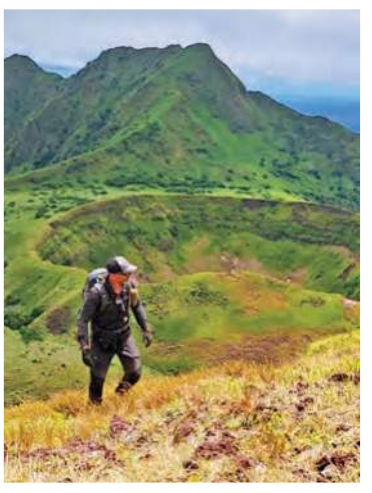

The volcano on the north side of Pagan erupts, sending plumes of smoke and ash into the sky.
VLADISLAV MERLNIK

CNMI's COVID-19 total now at 249

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One incoming traveler has tested positive for COVID-19, bringing the CNMI's total to 249, according to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. yesterday.

» **Guam: 154th COVID death logged, 75 hospitalized**

The individual was identified by travel screening and confirmed positive through arrival testing on Sept. 8. The individual has been quarantined and now being monitored. CHCC also reports that there is currently only one active hospitalization due to COVID-19.

In related news, the Joint Information Center in Guam

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Modernizing business processes in the Marianas is key to recovery

TOGETHER, WE CAN

By MIKE SABLAN
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Mike Sablan is vice president of Triple J Enterprises, Inc. and chairperson of the Domestic Policy and Recovery Committee of the Governor's Council of Economic Advisers. As an advisory council for Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios, the GCEA's mission is to improve the quality of life in the Marianas for all residents.

In late August, we received the great news that the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration awarded a $19.6-million grant to the CNMI Department of Finance. The grant will be used to build a new Economic Business Center for the Marianas and to acquire a new financial management information system for DOF.

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COMMUNITY VULNERABILITY

LEGEND:
- **Red:** Least safe
- **Orange**
- **Yellow**
- **Blue**
- **Green:** Safest

Source: Office of the Governor

AT A GLANCE

As of 6:43pm, Sept. 9, 2021

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Eligible Population Fully Vaccinated: **79.9%**

Days since last community transmission: **169**

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Initiated:	29,650
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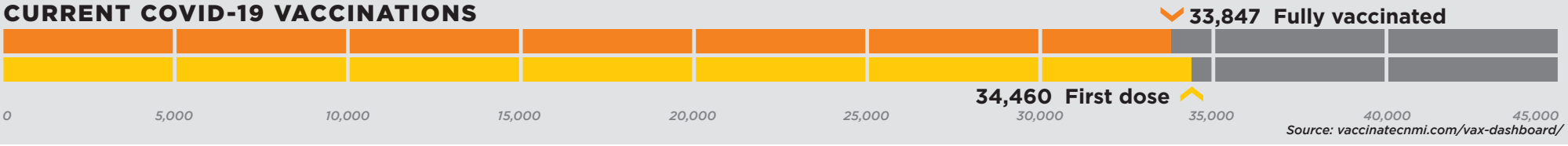
Janssen	
Fully vaccinated:	768

GUAM	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
Positive	11,494	325	11,819
Recovered	9,287	3	9,290
Active	2,050	325	2,375
Deaths	153	1	154

SAIPAN	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
Positive	248	1	249
Traced via Travel Screening	211	1	212
Traced via Community Screening	37	0	37
Deaths	2	0	2

Source: Joint Information Center – Guam, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., https://www.vaccinatecnmi.com/vax-dashboard/

CURRENT COVID-19 VACCINATIONS



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No go for CEC meeting due to lack of quorum

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The Commonwealth Election Commission's scheduled board meeting today, Friday, will not push through due to a lack of quorum, according to CEC executive director Kayla S. Igitol yesterday.

Igitol said there are only five commissioners and vice chair Doris Ann Aldan-Atalig of Saipan can't make it to the meeting as she is off-island.

Igitol

She said five commissioners constitute a quorum and at least one member from each senatorial district should be present.

"All decisions of the commission shall be made by three-fourth vote of the members," she said.

Igitol said there is no new schedule yet for the meeting.

The CEC commissioners are supposed to meet today, Friday, and were expected to certify the candidacy of Corina L. Magofna of the NMI Democratic Party, and Grace "Pitu" Sablan Vaiagae of the NMI Republican Party for the Oct. 16 special election to fill a House of Representatives Precinct 3 seat. The commissioners were also supposed to approve at the meeting the ballot layout and the designation of polling places.

Despite the cancellation of today's meeting, Igitol said they are still on schedule.

Aside from Aldan-Atalig, the other election commissioners are chair Jesus I. Sablan of Saipan, Esther A. Yatar of Rota, Lelanie I. Manglona of Rota, and John Diego Attao of Tinian.

There are three vacant commissioner's positions for Saipan and one vacant commissioner's position for Tinian.

The special election is being held to fill the Precinct 3 seat left vacant by the sudden passing of representative Ivan A. Blanco last July 23.

The last day to register is Sept. 17. The seven-day early voting will start on Oct. 9. The deadline to request for an absentee ballot is Sept. 21.

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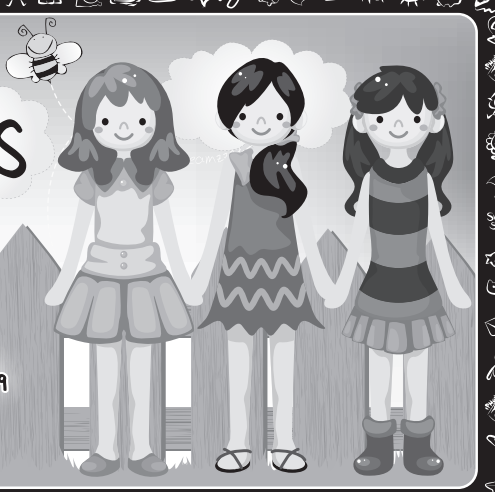

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TSL Foundation is a title sponsor of MINA Green Gala

The Tan Siu Lin Foundation supports the return of the MINA Green Gala after committing to the title sponsorship of Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance's signature event that will be held this Friday at the Aqua Resort Club.

The MINA Green Gala, which is MINA's major fundraiser that supports the group's efforts in helping protect and conserve the CNMI's natural resources, also celebrates and recognizes individuals and groups that promote MINA's advocacies.

"The Tan Siu Lin Foundation welcomes the return of the MINA Green Gala. We also applaud the group's commitment to protect and conserve our islands' natural resources amid these challenging times with the continued delivery of its various programs," said TSL Foundation executive director Merlie Tolentino after handing over the $3,000 donation to MINA program director Becky Ada Furey and MINA's Tasi Watch rangers last week.

Tasi Watch is one MINA's programs and it currently has 12 rangers who are gaining on-the-job experiences and learning basic environmental values in natural resource management. MINA also offers Schools for Environmental Conservation program for middle school students and teachers, holds tree planting activities in collaboration with CNMI Forestry, and has installed 10 monofilament recycling bins around Saipan.

MINA executive director Roberta Guerrero said they are encouraged to continue their programs despite the many challenges they are facing because of the support they are getting from the community.

"Mariana Islands Nature Alliance is so appreciative of the continued support that we've received from the Tan Siu Lin Foundation through the years. Their generous contribution to this year's Green Gala fundraising event will go far in helping us reach our goals of furthering our mission of 'Empowering Communities for Conservation.' On behalf of MINA's board of directors, staff and volunteers, we'd like to express our most sincere *un dangkulu na si yu'us ma'ase yan ghilisow*," Guerrero said.

The MINA Green Gala was cancelled last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Meanwhile, MINA will be presenting the following awards at this weekend's Green Gala: Environmental Champion Award (individual), Environmental Heroes Award (school), and Green Business of the Year Award (company). ***(PR)***

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Tan Siu Lin Foundation executive director Merlie Tolentino, center, presents the $3,000 donation to Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance representatives and Tasi Watch rangers for the 2021 MINA Green Gala that will be held this Friday at the Aqua Resort Club.

'NMI open to Travel Bubble with other destinations if…

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres said the CNMI is open to entering a new Travel Bubble arrangement with other tourist destinations like Japan as long as they have good percentage of COVID-19 herd immunity, among other factors.

Torres said Japan is obviously the CNMI's priority market but the administration is cognizant of its COVID-19 situation.

"We are open to other destinations, but at the same time, it matters on their side of protocol when it comes down to their tourists leaving their country," he said.

Torres discussed about possible new Travel Bubble arrangements when asked during his radio press briefing Friday about any plan to have another familiarization tour with other travel markets, considering that the CNMI has received nothing but praise from the FAM tour participants.

The FAM Tour, which was organized by the Marianas Visitors Authority as a sort of test run for the CNMI-South Korean Travel Bubble, consisted of four tour agencies, South Korean media, social media influencers, and heads of some airlines.

FAM Tour participants shared that they felt safe during their over two-week trip to the CNMI last July despite the pandemic. They described the CNMI as safe, wonderful, and clean.

Torres said they had a delegation that flew to South Korea to meet with the country's Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, and Transportation and that there have been numerous discussions on how to strengthen the CNMI's relationship and partnership with them.

He said it's not as easy as South Korea in working out a Travel Bubble program with other tourist destinations because of their COVID-19 situation.

The governor said they are open to having a similar FAM Tour with Japan, but at the same time the CNMI's priority is public health and the safety of the community.

Torres said they continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation of Japan and other tourist destinations.

He said the things that they look for in order for the CNMI to move forward in signing a new Travel Bubble are the easing of COVID-19 protocols in other destinations and if they have higher number of COVID-19 herd immunity percentages.

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Marianas Pacific Airlines aims for 2022 launch

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Marianas Pacific, a start-up airline that is aiming to create a Saipan-Australia route, aims to begin providing flights from Saipan to Brisbane and Sydney as early as the first quarter of 2022.

During the Marianas Visitors Authority's monthly board meeting yesterday, Marianas Pacific's Bill Giles and James Blake updated the board on its progress in launching the Saipan-based airline that will provide daily flights from Saipan to Brisbane, Sydney, South Korea, and Japan.

Giles said that Marianas Pacific will officially become a limited liability company early next year but could possibly start providing services to the public as early as December if a Travel Bubble is established before then.

"It's probably going to be the first quarter of next year before we get on a normal, LLC situation. We could do a wet lease and we could start up much faster. If we get more support in a Travel Bubble, then we could probably start up in December. Until we are running as our own LLC airline, a bubble is the way to go. If we can pull one off, we can bring these people soon," he said.

Giles said the Australia side of Marianas Pacific has already started working on establishing a Travel Bubble.

"Back in May, we started working on bubbles with Australia. We do have a number of really good connections there. We have actually sent a transcript to the prime minister's office and a couple of other high level, high ranking people in Australia to get us on board," he said.

For MVA's part, the board has unanimously voted to establish an Australian Travel Bubble ad-hoc committee—a temporary committee designed specifically to aid in the launch of the Australian Travel Bubble in the CNMI.

Blake said Marianas Pacific is confident in the success of an Australian Travel Bubble at this time because with COVID-19 cases on the rise in many popular Australian destinations, Saipan's low COVID-19 count makes it an ideal destination for those ready and eager to travel.

"We have a massive market of people who are desperate to travel internationally and I think we are bursting at the seams to go overseas to a holiday destination. There's almost 2 million people from Australia that have almost nowhere to go right now where they would normally go to Bali and Thailand but they can't and won't right now, which leaves Saipan as a primary opportunity to get people to come up here," he said.

Marianas Pacific aims to start off with three Boeing-757s with two flights a week to Japan, two to South Korea, a daily flight to Clark, the Philippines, and Brisbane and Sydney, Australia.

"That's 162 economy class passengers and 20 business class passengers. We will also be able to operate the aircrafts with a full payload of cargo. This brings about a whole new opportunity in its own right because of the opportunity to import perishable goods, particularly from Australia," Blake said.

Marianas Pacific aims to bring in 140,000 passengers in its first year of operations.

Former IPI counsel may sue IPI

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Michael W. Dotts, who is the former lawyer of Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC, informed the U.S District Court that he might need to file a lawsuit against his former client for its failure to pay him for his legal services.

Dotts

According to Dotts, IPI has yet to pay for him his fees, which have now gone up to a total of $140,000.

Dotts told U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona Manglona that he does not believe IPI will pay him and believes he needs to file a lawsuit.

"I do not believe IPI is going to pay. I believe I now need to file suit and join IPI's other creditors. With each missed payment, [I] contacted IPI management and advised that if the payments went unpaid, [I] would suspend work and move to withdraw as counsel," he said.

Dotts said on July 10, he even advised Ray Yumul, IPI chief executive officer, that if IPI did not make a substantial payment toward what is owed, he would move to withdraw as counsel in all remaining matters where he is representing IPI.

Yumul indicated that he was looking for substitute counsel for IPI but to date, a substitute counsel has yet to be found.

Meanwhile, Manglona granted Dotts' request to withdraw from representing IPI in the complaint filed by the U.S. Department of Labor.

"Dotts has fulfilled his obligation under this court's local rules and has provided the proper notice to IPI. The court also finds that granting the motion would not prejudice other parties, cause harm to the administration of justice, delay resolution of the case, or prejudice other litigants," she said.

Manglona said IPI is no longer required to submit weekly reports to the court, but instead, must submit them directly to the USDOL secretary.

"IPI has been remitting payment to the U.S. Department of Labor and working directly with the department to ensure IPI complies with the terms set out in this case. As there are no significant pending matters before the court in this case, good cause has been established," Manglona said.

A longer version of this story is available at www. saipantribune.com

PAGAN

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and non-stop roaring sounds."

To Melnik, it sounded like a jumbo jet taking off. "…The experience of watching the volcano erupt from a distance was amazing as I find it beautiful to see how nature works," he said.

Melnik was able to take lots of pictures that, once he returned to Saipan, he uploaded to his Facebook page, showing grey ashfall covering large expanses of Pagan.

Early this month, the U.S. Geological Survey upgraded the Aviation Color Code/Volcano Alert Level for Pagan volcano to ORANGE/WATCH, an indication of escalating unrest with increased potential of eruption. It just so happened that Melnik, who was on Pagan at that time, was actually on hand to see the increasing volcanic activity. At that time, more than 10 Pagan residents have already been evacuated to Saipan, which is five islands away (about 192.6 miles), by the CNMI government to ensure their safety.

By the time he got to Pagan, Melnik said there were only two people on island that kept radio contact with Mayor's Office of the Northern Islands. "I've been told that they have been waiting to be evacuated," he said.

Before the Pagan Island lockdown, Melnik rode with a group of local fishermen headed to Maug and was dropped off at the south side of the island. "Having learned that several fishermen were headed to Maug island, I decided to take that as an opportunity to go to Pagan. …I have been to Pagan many times as I admire its perfect landscape and, as a nature lover, it is a place where I find endless freedom," he said.

Melnik assures that he is not being reckless, saying that when he has trips to the Northern Islands, he makes sure to check the weather and sea conditions and even updates himself on any volcanic activity. "Before the trip to Pagan, I was on Rota and heard about an earthquake that hit near Farallon de Medinilla. That was also when I found out that Pagan was showing signs of activity from friends who were camping on the island with their families," he added.

Mt. Pagan or the North Pagan volcano is 570 meters high and the last known eruption was in 2006. Its most dangerous eruption, though, was in May 15, 1981, because there were hundreds of residents with their families that were evacuated and brought to Saipan. Only a handful of people from the Northern Islands Mayor's Office stayed behind to protect projects like maintaining water tanks, cleaning the airstrip, accommodating former residents who visit and fending off illegal fishermen. All these people have now been evacuated temporarily due to volcanic activity.

South Pagan, where Melnik started his ascent, is 548 meters high and has an elongated summit that contains four craters. This part of the island is considered dormant as historical eruptions of Pagan only took place in the north side. Still, Melnik said that during his way up to the summit of south Pagan, he noticed a few faults on the ground "that spewed very hot steam and that forced me to change my original route plan."

Pagan Island is also the home of World War II artifacts when the Japanese occupied the island to build an airstrip in 1935. Today, you will find a fallen Japanese fighter plane by the runway, parts and pieces of tanks and ships, and a monument that honors fallen Japanese and American soldiers by the ocean.

"I've been to Pagan multiple times and I can say that even after a couple of volcanic eruptions since WW II, there is no historical object that was destroyed by the volcano. It could be because of the distance that lava flow couldn't reach the areas where these objects are and I hope it remains that way," Melnik said.

"I'm not a geologist, but it's obvious that everything in this world is inter-connected. So it is a reasonable thing to be well prepared for any scenario and try not to make any hasty mistakes for which human lives would pay dearly," he added.

COVID-19

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announced Wednesday the island's 154th COVID-19-related death. The patient— a "John Doe" "with no verifiable record of COVID-19 vaccination" and who had tested positive for COVID-19— was pronounced dead on arrival at the Guam Memorial Hospital on Sept. 7. The JIC also reported Wednesday that 75 individuals in Guam are hospitalized due to COVID-19, and that 39 of the 75 are unvaccinated.

Guam Gov. Lou Leon Guerrero offered her condolences. "[Lt. Gov. Josh Tenorio] and I pray for his friends and family during this most difficult time. These reports are never easy to come up against. Each loss is felt so deeply by this community. We can only hope to make a difference each day by doing everything we can to prevent any further loss," said Leon Guerrero.

During a virtual news briefing last Wednesday CHCC chief executive officer Esther Muña spoke of the importance of getting vaccinated against COVID-19, not only for the safety of the individual but also for the safety of the unvaccinated and those ineligible to receive the vaccines, like children.

"It is your choice, and we're still urging people [to] think of it as a decision of your own to protect others, especially when we're seeing a large number in this community that is unvaccinated—not only unvaccinated, [but also those that] are ineligible to get vaccinated. I'm sure if they had a choice, [ineligible individuals] would have been willing to get vaccinated as well," said Muña.

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In the next two to five years, we are going to see major infrastructure improvements, a new Northern Marianas College complex, a new Hopwood Junior High School facility, hundreds of new home construction and renovation projects, and other typhoon-recovery projects. In addition, a new Oleai Sports Complex, also funded by EDA, is among the projects list. Having available resources and professional services are critical to fast-tracking the delivery of these important ventures.

In the Marianas, starting construction projects or opening new businesses can be challenging due to the lengthy process to complete all the requirements, particularly in the permitting process. Working in tandem with the Infrastructure and Recovery Program Office, the Office of Planning and Development, the Department of Finance, and other relevant government offices, the establishment of the Economic Business Center and the development of a coordinated and modernized system to handle business transactions will streamline the permitting, procurement, and contract management processes.

The timely receipt of the EDA grant will allow our government to hire additional qualified technical staff to work at the Economic Business Center and agencies. These resources will further build local capacity and encourage people with experience and expertise to stay on the islands and help our recovery efforts.

While we continue to work hard on tourism resumption efforts and prepare for the safe return of our tourists and business visitors, it is important that we do our best to get projects off the ground at the soonest possible time and bring people back to work, help workers meet their families' needs, and get our economy back on track.

The creation of the Economic Business Center will also play a significant role in our efforts to promote economic diversification in the Marianas. The Commonwealth Economic Development Authority, the primary agency tasked to promote the Marianas as an investment destination, needs an edge to persuade legitimate investors. Easing the process of doing business in the islands will help.

At this time and long after, businesses will be looking for ways to save time and money when starting up a new venture. They would prefer to utilize the online platforms instead of going through the traditional and complicated paperwork. They would want to get away from long lines and back and forth trips from one office to another to get the necessary documents submitted.

The EDA grant and the projects it will support will help fast track local recovery efforts, mitigate the economic impact of the pandemic, and provide these long-overdue services. We are very fortunate to be given this opportunity. More importantly, we just received the resources we need to bounce back and improve the quality of life of the people in the Marianas.

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The telecommunications firm IT&E commits to the Hafa Adai & Tirow pledge, which embodies the preservation and integration of the indigenous Chamorro and Refaluwasch cultures into IT&E's everyday business practice. Photo shows IT&E, Marianas Visitors Authority, and Saipan Chamber of Commerce representatives at the signing ceremony. From left, Velma Palacios (IT&E), Shayne Villanueva (vice president, Saipan Chamber of Commerce), Janice Tenorio (IT&E), Leriza Debrum (IT&E), Joe Guerrero (president, Saipan Chamber of Commerce), Ed Javier (IT&E), Rose Soledad (general manager, IT&E), Sharon Abragan (IT&E), Natashia Tomokane (IT&E), Priscilla Iakopo (managing director, Marianas Visitors Authority), and Rob Harrell (executive director of Customer Operations and NOC, IT&E).

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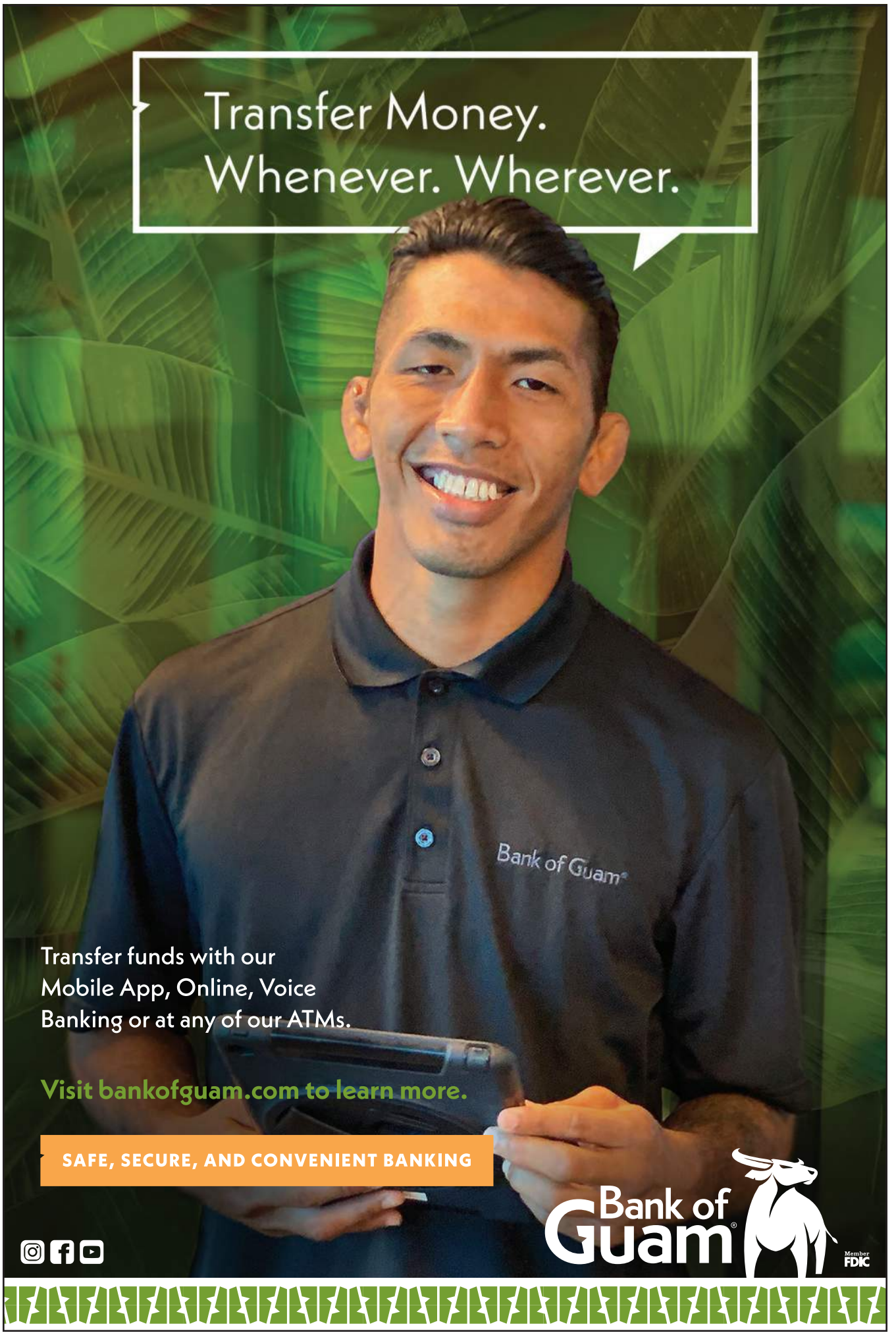

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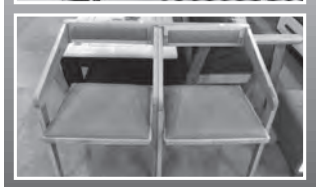

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COVID-19 carriers found to have had alpha, delta variants

Two COVID-19 specimens that the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. had sent to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for review were found to be the delta and alpha variants.

This was learned during a virtual news briefing that CHCC chief executive officer Esther Muña held Wednesday, during which she said that, given the long turnaround time from CHCC submitting specimens to the CDC and the CDC identifying what COVID-19 variants the CNMI had found, Muña said the CNMI's health policy leaders' approach to combating COVID-19 is centered around prevention, and that they treat every positive case "like it's the delta variant."

"What we're doing here in the CNMI is prevention, preventing [COVID-19] from entering the community. ...We need to continue emphasizing the need to put on masks… [and] again we're urging individuals to make the choice to get vaccinated," said Muña.

"It does take awhile to get results from the CDC and, of course, the CNMI is not the only one that they're looking at. ...Right now, we're in a position where we're saying, 'Every case that comes in we're going to treat it like it's a delta variant'. We're going to operate that way just to be able to make sure that we protect the CNMI," Muña added.

Learned separately from a CHCC representative Wednesday, the second delta specimen was from an individual identified through arrival testing in late June. The person was not counted toward the CNMI's total, as they were already identified and counted as a positive case in Florida.

Muña explained Wednesday that CHCC sends batches of refrigerated specimens directly to CDC headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia for review. While in transit, the specimens are placed in cooler boxes. Once collected and reviewed by the CDC, it reports back to CHCC its findings, such as what COVID-19 variants individuals were carrying. ***(Joshua Santos)***

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

As of September 10, 2021

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE DCRM OFFICE:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. Office of the Mayor of Rota	07/23/2021 RSm-2021-X-002	Beach Pavilion Renovation	Guata Park, Rota	Shoreline	Approved* 09/01/2021
2. Department of Public Works	08/18/2021 SSWm-2020-X-016	Island-Wide Emergency Repairs of the Beach Road Concrete Pathway & Cross-Section Road Repairs on Highways Route 310 & Route 38	Island-Wide, Saipan	Shoreline, Wetland	Approved 09/02/2021
3. Open Knowledge Systems Inc.	08/20/2021 SLR-2021-052	SCUBA Diving Tour Operation/ Instruction	All Designated Dive Sites on Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review*
4. Office of the Mayor of Tinian	09/07/2021 TSm-2021-003	Picnic Table Huts	San Jose, Tinian	Shoreline	Under Review*

NMIAC §15-10-210 of the CRM Rules and Regulations requires all permit applications to be published in a newspaper for general circulation within the CNMI within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*). The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the DCRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the DCRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APCs) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local DCRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a DCRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the DCRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the DCRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the DCRM Regulations.

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Atalig certifies availability of $8M for senatorial districts

Finance Secretary David DLG Atalig has certified the availability of $8 million from the 2019 annual casino license fee for appropriation to the CNMI's senatorial districts.

In a letter dated Sept. 1. 2021, Atalig informed Gov. Ralph DLG Torres that Finance is certifying the availability of $1 million for First Senatorial District (Rota), $1 million for Second Senatorial District (Tinian and Aguiguan), and $6 million for the Third Senatorial District (Saipan and Northern Islands).

The allocations are mandated under Public Law 21-10, enacted in 2019 and appropriating funds from the sixth-year casino license fee.

In response to *Saipan Tribune*'s inquiry yesterday about the funding, Atalig said the money was borrowed in order for the administration to help pay for Super Typhoon Yutu expenses at the time.

As to where they got the $8 million, Atalig said they have funds from the Community Disaster Loan. Atalig said since CDL is for disaster expenses, Public Law 21-10 monies they used for Yutu expenses makes them an allowable allocation. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Members of Congress press DOJ to reject 'Insular Cases'

Rep. Raúl Grijalva (D-Arizona), who chairs the Natural Resources Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives in the U.S. Congress, and six of his House colleagues wrote Attorney General Merrick Garland and acting solicitor general Brian Fletcher yesterday, calling on the Department of Justice to expressly condemn the *Insular Cases*, a series of racist Supreme Court decisions the Justice Department has continued to rely upon when defending federal statutes that discriminate against residents of U.S. territories.

The letter, available online at https://bit.ly/3jWJ6Tj, comes as the DOJ prepares to argue two key federal cases that will define the legal rights of residents of U.S. territories for years to come.

The *Insular Cases* are a series of *Plessy*-era Supreme Court rulings that, in part, created the "territorial incorporation doctrine," which establishes that the Constitution does not fully apply to the U.S. territories. These cases used racist and offensive language such as "half-civilized" and "alien races" to describe residents of the territories and justify the denial of the constitutional rights and protections they should be entitled to as U.S. citizens and U.S. nationals.

Neil Weare, president and founder of Equally American, a nonpartisan public interest organization that works to advance equality and civil rights in U.S. territories, said, "I applaud Chairman Grijalva and the Members of Congress who are calling on the Biden-Harris Justice Department to advance their commitment to the Constitution and racial equality by forcefully rejecting any continued reliance on the *Insular Cases*."

Their letter to the Justice Department includes the following excerpts:

■ "The time is now for the Justice Department to reject the *Insular Cases* and the racism they and the territorial incorporation doctrine represent."

■ "The Justice Department should ask itself whether it wants to remain complicit in the racism inherent in the *Insular Cases* by continuing to perpetuate the 'separate and unequal' status facing residents of U.S. territories. Our nation deserves better, and the people of the territories deserve better."

The letter highlights how, in the coming weeks, the DOJ will have to express its view on the *Insular Cases* in two high-profile filings before the U.S. Supreme Court and U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.

The first case, *U.S. v. Vaello Madero*, involves the denial of Supplemental Security Income for residents of territories. The second case, *Fitisemanu v. United States*, addresses whether people born in territories have a right to citizenship.

"As Chair Grijalva's letter emphasizes, the Biden-Harris Justice Department has a clear choice in these cases: either expressly condemn the *Insular Cases* or remain complicit in perpetuating the ugly racial inequality they established," Weare said. "It's long past time for the Justice Department to get on the right side of history here."

In March, Grijalva helped introduce a bipartisan resolution that similarly called on the courts, DOJ, and other litigants to reject any continued reliance on the *Insular Cases* in present and future cases. The Natural Resources Committee hosted a legislative hearing in May to discuss this resolution, which included testimony from elected officials from the territories and academic scholars.

The committee also held an oversight hearing in July to discuss the extension of key federal benefits programs like SSI, SNAP and Medicaid to the U.S. territories within the president's fiscal year 2022 budget.

The Supreme Court also announced yesterday that *Vaello Madero* will be argued in-person, in front of the Justices at the Supreme Court on Nov.9, 2021. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

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Pursuant to P.L. 8-41, Section 11, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Arnold I. Palacios, through the Health Care Professions Licensing Board (HCPLB) are hereby giving notice that it will hold its regular monthly board meeting on ***Wednesday, September 15, 2021*** at 8am on Saipan. The meeting will be held at the Administration Building, Governor's Conference Room on Capitol Hill.

AGENDA

I. Meeting Call to Order
II. Determination of Quorum
III. Review and Adoption of Agenda
IV. Review and Adoption of Minutes **(08/11/2021)**
V. Public Comments
  - Dr. Rajesh Sarkar

VI. Chairperson's Report
VII. Director's Report
  - Final Certification of Psychology and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Regulations
  - License Fees Online Payment
  - Update on HB 22-26 – Removal of term limitations for HCPLB

VIII. Investigator's Report
IX. Communications from the Governor's Office & Legislature
  A. Governor's Office
  B. Legislature
    - SB 22-05 To Establish a Behavioral Health Professional Scholarship; and for other purposes

X. Old Business
  - Addiction Professionals Proposed Regulation

XI. New Business
  - Proposed Amendments to the Psychology and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Regulations

XII. Pending Applications for Board's Review
  A. New Application
  B. Renewal Applications

XIII. Miscellaneous Business
XIV. Executive Session: The Board may vote to meet in executive session to consult with Counsel on pending or anticipated legal matters.
  - Dr. Rajesh Sarkar
  - Dr. Todd Ozdych

XV. Announcements
  A. Next Meeting Date
  B. Adjournment of Meeting

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JOHN PANGELINAN VILLAGOMEZ a.k.a JUAN PANGELINAN VILLAGOMEZ, Deceased.) CIVIL ACTION NO. 21-0245-CV) **NOTICE OF HEARING FOR PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF AN ADMINISTRATOR AND FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION**

TO: TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE JOHN PANGELINAN VILLAGOMEZ a.k.a. JUAN PANGELINAN VILLAGOMEZ (DECEASED) OR OF HIS ESTATE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AND YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that MAGDALENA P. VILLAGOMEZ of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, has petitioned the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of JOHN PANGELINAN VILLAGOMEZ a.k.a. JUAN PANGELINAN VILLAGOMEZ, Deceased. The hearing on the Petition for Appointment of Administrator and for Letters of Administration by MAGDALENA P. VILLAGOMEZ, as Petitioner, has been set for Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 10am, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard in the above-entitled Court at Guma Hustisia Building, Susupe, Saipan, CNMI.

All persons or entities having any interests or claims against the Deceased or his estate are hereby required by law to file their claims with the Clerk of Court within sixty (60) days of this publication, or the claim will be barred. A copy of your claim should also be sent to the Law Office of Antonette R. Villagomez, Tasi Lane, P.O. Box 501517, Saipan, MP 96950.
Dated this 7th day of September 2021.

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Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Arnold I. Palacios, through the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) are soliciting sealed bids for the *Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation Roof Repair & Coating* in Navy Hill, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). This project will be funded by the 702 Covenant funding under the U.S. Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs.

The project package will be available on **September 10, 2021** at the Capital Improvement Program Office, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan, during regular working hours.

A mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at Conference Room No. 3 at the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation located in Navy Hill, Saipan, CNMI at **10:00 AM ChST September 27, 2021**. Proposers may request to participate via phone call or virtually five (5) days prior to the meeting scheduled. All attendees are required to use a face mask and exercise social distancing throughout the duration of the meeting.

Questions regarding this ITB may be sumitted via email to Ms. Sunny Aldan at sunny.aldan@gov.mp no later than **4:30 PM ChST October 1, 2021**. All Questions & Answers will be shared with all prospective bidders.

Bidders located outside of the CNMI must fill out and submit the Notice of Intent to Bid Form to the Director of Procurement Services no later than **10:00 AM October 8, 2021**.

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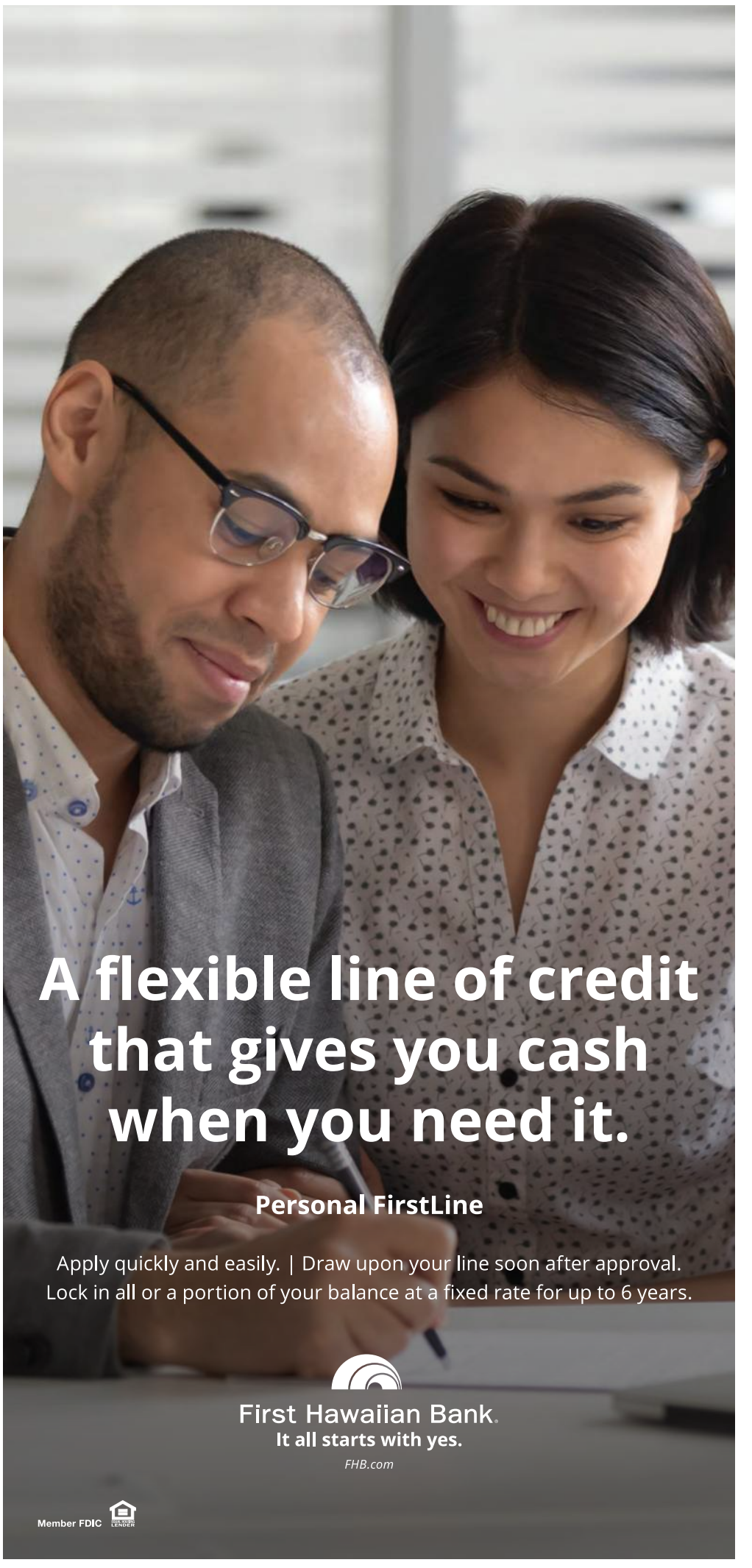
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20 years later, remembering 9/11 and its lessons

Saturday marks the 20th anniversary of one of the most shocking days in U.S. history, the hijacking of four jetliners by 19 terrorists with the intent of crashing them into iconic American landmarks.

Two of the planes brought down the World Trade Center towers in New York City. A third plane hit the Pentagon in Northern Virginia. The fourth plane, which apparently had targeted the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. was thwarted by a heroic passenger revolt that caused it to crash in a field in Shanksville, Pa.

All told, almost 3,000 people were killed in the attacks.

We must never forget the loss of lives that day and the heroism of those who risked their lives responding to the terrorism.

At the same time, we must learn the lessons of 9/11 as we continue to struggle with how to combat the threat of terrorism and faceless enemies who would do us harm.

For those too young to remember 9/11, it's challenging to convey the degree to which Americans were shaken to the core.

Shortly after the attack, President George W. Bush spoke to the nation and set forth a course of action that was passed on to three of his successors.

"The attack took place on American soil, but it was an attack on the heart and soul of the civilized world," Bush said. "And the world has come together to fight a new and different war, the first, and we hope the only one, of the 21st century. A war against all those who seek to export terror, and a war against those governments that support or shelter them."

Bush's call to arms resulted in the highest approval ratings—90%—of any president in the six decades that Gallup had tracked presidential performance.

Twenty years later, we are seemingly less vulnerable to terrorist attacks than we were in 2001. Osama bin Laden, the mastermind of the attacks, is dead, as are many of the al-Qaida leaders.

Yet the threat of a major cyberattack is increasing, day by day. And if weakening the United States was bin Laden's ultimate goal, we have spent an estimated $5.8 trillion on the war in Afghanistan and other conflicts stemming from the attacks with very little to show for it. That's a staggering number, the equivalent of hundreds of millions of dollars a day that could have been spent on a multitude of needs.

It's a grim reminder that wars rarely go the way presidents—or military leaders—think they will.

So, yes, let's use 9/11 to engage in thoughtful discussion about our ability to evaluate the pros and cons of going to war and how we can best find the right balance between domestic and national security spending as we stave off the ever-present threats to national security.

But first let's commemorate 9/11 by first remembering the nearly 3,000 who died that day and the heroic efforts of those who risked their lives to save others.

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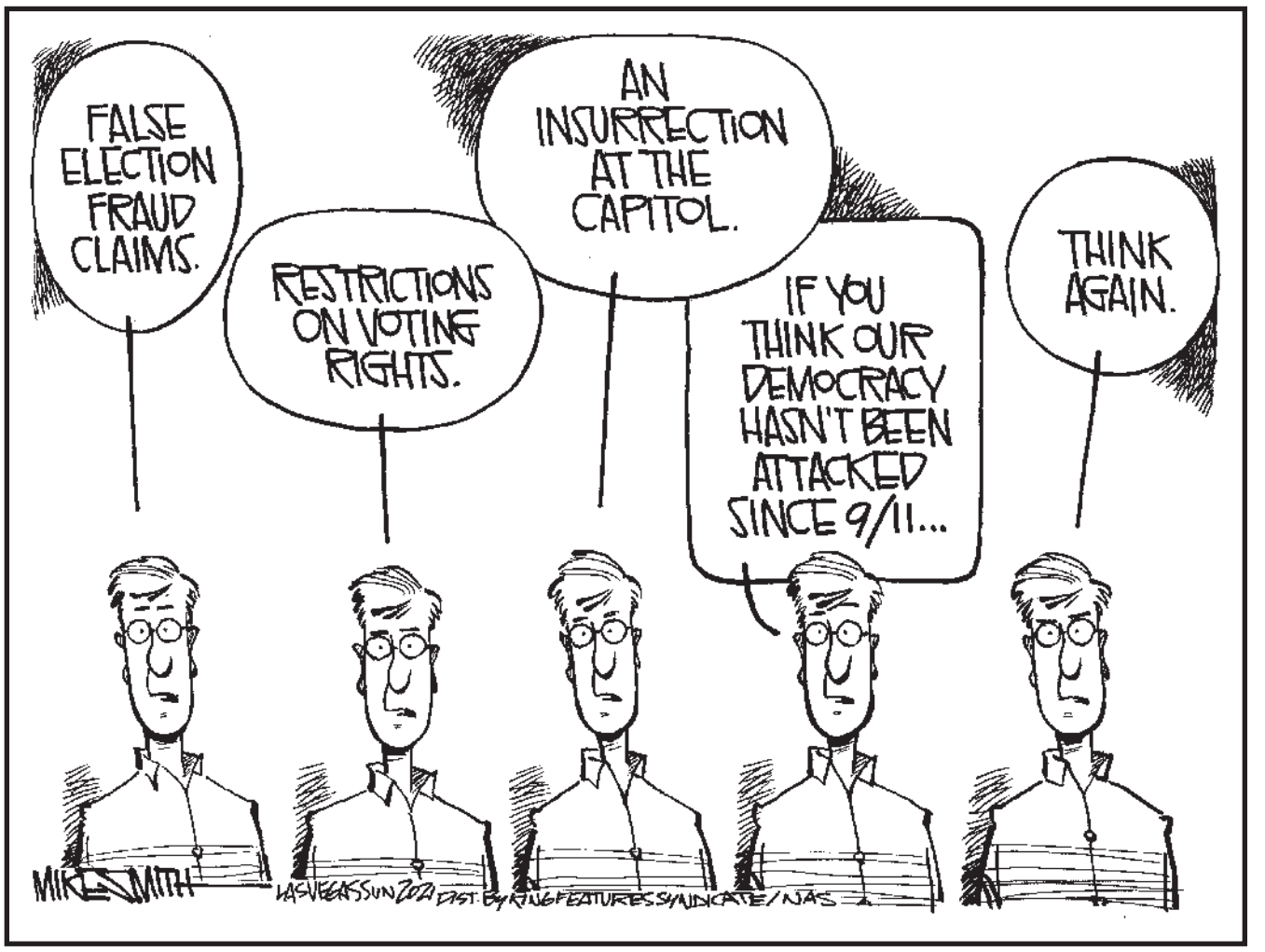
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Should we be concerned about an American Taliban?

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Generally, I'm not impressed by descriptions of current phenomena in terms of the past. Donald Trump as the modern incarnation of Hitler? The comparison seems far-fetched. It either takes Trump too seriously or Hitler too lightly.

But such comparisons were abundant last week after the Supreme Court declined to enjoin Texas from implementing Senate Bill 8, a clearly unconstitutional law that will prevent 85 to 90% of Texas women who want to have an abortion from doing so. Even if they're victims of rape or incest. Or both.

Commentaries on this story have compared the Republican legislature that concocted SB 8 to Nazis and brownshirts. The Salem witch trials came up a time or two. So did "The Handmaid's Tale."

And because SB 8 puts all powers of its enforcement into the hands of private citizens—this is a legal dodge that Texas legislators thought would help the bill pass muster in the courts—some writers were reminded of East Germany's Stasi, the Soviet-era state security ministry that depended on citizens ratting each other out.

> **...the Taliban do not look at all exotic to other Afghans. No, they look just like the people who live next door.**

But the metaphor du jour is the Taliban, and more than once I came across writers who pictured the Texas legislature and governor, as well as the political right in general, as the American Taliban.

This seems like a stretch, doesn't it?

But in a recent New York Times column under the headline "The Right-Wingers Who Admire the Taliban," Michelle Goldberg describes a surprising amount of sympathy on the right for the new rulers of Afghanistan.

Of course, the cranks weighed in. White supremacist Nick Fuentes describes the Taliban as a "conservative, religious force," while the United States is "godless and liberal." He says that the triumph of the Taliban is "unequivocally a positive development."

The Proud Boys registered their admiration for the Taliban, as well: "They took back their national religion as law, and executed dissenters. Hard not to respect that."

So much for the fringe. But Fox News' Tucker Carlson, probably the most prominent white nationalist in America, also spoke approvingly of the Taliban: "They don't hate their own masculinity. They don't think it's toxic. They like the patriarchy. Some of their women like it too. So now they're getting it all back."

So maybe comparisons between the right wing and the Taliban aren't so far-fetched after all. Neither believes in democracy. The Taliban don't even pretend otherwise. They impose their ideology by force, with little regard for the wishes of the Afghan population.

Our right wing hasn't resorted to force—well, there was Jan. 6—but it's worth noting that a 2018 Quinnipiac poll found that 62% of Texans support Roe v. Wade. It's reasonable to suppose that the percentage is higher for women. And yet, as of Sept. 1, for most Texas women Roe v. Wade is dead, thanks to Republican rule. How democratic is that?

Still, the real Taliban is characterized by brutal cruelty that we don't see on the right. But never underestimate our homegrown capacity for cruelty. In 1994, Michael Fay was convicted of vandalism in Singapore and sentenced to six lashes. A Los Angeles Times poll found that 49% of Americans approved of this cruel punishment and, perhaps more germane to a comparison to the Taliban, 61% of men approved.

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'We remain strong because of you'

Editor's Note: *The following is the author's message on 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the United States.*

By DAVID M. APATANG
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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The meaning of peace is one we all know and cherish deep in our hearts but when chaos erupts and threatens our peace, we fall into fear. Twenty-years ago, the peace of the United States of America was threatened by sudden, murderous attacks by evil forces whose principles of life and liberty were at odds with the United States and the rest of the civilized world. Many perished in the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, and the world's economy was significantly impacted.

On this 20th anniversary since those horrific attacks on our nation's peace and economy, we must honor those who did not make it home to their families that day. We pray for their peace and remember their many contributions to make our nation and the world a better place.

At the same time, we honor and salute our nation's front-liners who responded to the call to bring calm, order, and a sense of security following the attacks. We owe a debt of great gratitude to all firefighters, police officers, doctors, nurses, and citizens for their commitment to face fear straight in the eye for one purpose—bringing our nation immediately back to order and normalcy.

The fight against terrorism is a testament that the United States indeed is a world power. On this 20th anniversary after the attacks, we continue to recognize and profoundly appreciate the sacrifices of our nation's armed forces. Many perished in the war to rid our world of terrorists and other factions that want to harm and bring loss to our nation's citizens. We pray for and honor our fallen heroes every day and especially on this 20th anniversary. We give our sincerest thanks to the women and men in uniform who constantly put their lives in harm's way to protect our peace and lives. It is with an abundance of gratitude that we salute and honor them this Sept. 11. To all surviving families, we do not falter in the fight against evil. We remain strong because of you.

Our nation knows no fear because each one of us banded together make our nation the strongest in the world. Our nation made the terrorists responsible for the attacks pay.

Fugitive Slave Act redux: On the run in Texas...and America

By TONY NORMAN
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Mike Luckovich, the editorial cartoonist for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, made an astute observation this week about Texas' draconian abortion law.

A recent cartoon features two fully veiled Afghan women meeting in a remote province with mountains in the distance. "Pray for Texas women ..." one woman says to the other. The reversal of fortune and sentiment is stinging if you're used to pity being a one-way street.

Editorial cartoonists are better at skewering hypocrisies and sophistry the rest of us take for granted. Unexpected juxtapositions—in this case, the pity Muslim women feel for the women of Texas—are capable of slipping past partisan arguments on the left and right. This is a cartoon that gets to the heart of the matter.

We agree on a subliminal and conscious level that with the U.S. Supreme Court's refusal to strike down Texas' ban on all abortions after six weeks, the women of Texas and those under Taliban rule suddenly have a lot more in common than many Americans will be comfortable acknowledging.

Americans are now forced to deal with a new reality—the inevitable scramble by Republican governors and GOP-controlled legislatures to enact Texas-style abortion laws to facilitate a return to the pre-*Roe v. Wade* status quo in their states, too.

We all remember what happened when the Supreme Court struck down a key part of the Voting Rights Act in 2013, claiming that racial discrimination at the polls was no longer a problem in America.

Free of the obligation of getting permission from the federal government to change the rules and conditions for voting, Republican states that had historically discriminated against Black voters raced to erect new barriers that wouldn't single out minorities per se, but would still negatively impact those who tend to vote Democratic.

This week, Texas also managed to enact into law some of the toughest voter restrictions in the country. When the Texas Legislature wasn't undermining participatory democracy or outlawing abortion this week, it was enacting laws that made it legal to openly carry guns in public without being required to have a permit or to have undergone any training.

The GOP-dominated Legislature decided that having a gun has been every Texan's birthright since the frontier days. The fact that these moves have made the Lone Star State the most dystopic in the country is a point of pride for legislators who have outlawed mask mandates but insist on state control of every woman's body after six weeks of pregnancy.

Still, one of the most hideous dimensions of the Supreme Court's refusal to knock down the Texas abortion law is the Legislature's cynical conscription of the public to do its dirty work.

Senate Bill 8, which makes no allowance for abortion after six weeks regardless of whether pregnancy is a result of rape or incest, allows ordinary citizens—whether they know the patient or not—to sue anyone in her circle who has any involvement in an abortion or gives aid or comfort to a woman seeking an abortion after the deadline.

Strangers can sue a woman's boyfriend, husband, best friend, roommate, relative, doctor—anyone they reasonably suspect of helping to finance or morally support an abortion in violation of state law. This includes the Uber or Lyft driver who taxis the woman to an appointment. The snitch is entitled to collect a bounty and the recovery of court costs.

Just like the court system in the fictional Gilead of "The Handmaid's Tale," there's little doubt about how Texas' judiciary will rule in these cases.

Texas has openly stacked the criminal justice system against women who seek abortions. It even rewards vigilantes for monitoring and snitching on half the population it suspects is pregnant. The legislature is now working to outlaw pills that can be sent through the mail to end pregnancies once the clinics are all shut down. Texas wants to be an authoritarian state worthy of "1984" by deputizing its citizens into a version of the East German secret police.

While references to novels by George Orwell and Margaret Atwood are inevitable because they have such contemporary resonance, there's an even more appropriate analogy from America's antebellum and post-Colonial history: the Fugitive Slave Acts of 1850 and 1793.

Similar to Senate Bill 8, ordinary citizens deputized by a federal marshal could "capture and arrest" anyone they suspected of being a formerly enslaved person, whether there was sufficient proof or not. Blacks were not protected by habeas corpus, whether free or slave, and only a white man's testimony in court was given any weight.

Enslavers would scour the country looking for Black folks who fit the description of runaways. If they were challenged by abolitionists or sympathetic whites in court, the laws made it easy for the enslaver to prevail, since Black folks' testimony about their own status didn't matter. Hundreds of Blacks who were "born free" were consequently enslaved at the whim of bounty hunters who weren't conscientious about who they hauled into bondage.

It took the Civil War and the Emancipation Proclamation to bring an end to the Fugitive Slave Act, a blatantly unjust law that enjoyed the full support of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Is it hyperbolic to compare Texas' Senate Bill 8 to the Fugitive Slave Act? Not in the least.

Both give strangers the right to make life-changing decisions about people they don't know. Both were initiated by a legal process that considered the people who would suffer the brunt of the law second-class citizens. Both are reactionary responses to perceived challenges to the white, religious patriarchy in power.

Chief Justice John Roberts, who sided with the liberal wing of the court in the minority of the 5-4 ruling, laid it out perfectly in his dissent: "The legislature has imposed a prohibition on abortions after roughly six weeks, and then essentially delegated enforcement of that prohibition to the populace at large. The desired consequence appears to be to insulate the state from responsibility for implementing and enforcing the regulatory regime."

Translation: Texas wants a segment of its armed population of anti-abortion fanatics to form the equivalent of modern slave patrols. Texas wants a deputized population of vigilantes to monitor and track down women who will be disproportionately poor, Black and Hispanic and make their support system literally pay for their abortions by being fined and prosecuted for their compassion.

They insist that the women who had the abortions will not be prosecuted, only traumatized—for now, but the bounty hunters will get their pound of flesh no matter what.

This is what passes for Christianity in 2021. Only in a country that has lost all semblance of moral sanity or justice could diabolical legislation like this go forward and be tolerated by a majority on the Supreme Court.

Would Jesus snitch on a woman who had an abortion? Of course he would, according to these hypocrites. Jesus would be the first through the door of the women's clinic, guns drawn and spoiling for an excuse to send the "abortionists" to hell if they made any sudden moves. Jesus loves the little children in the abstract—but after they're born, they're on their own.

Because Senate Bill 8 is a modern version of the Fugitive Slave Act, there's no reason to spend a lot of money appealing to the greed and venality of the public. We know what appeals to vigilantes. Even if there wasn't blood money involved, plenty of folks would be happy to do it.

Because SB8 targets a portion of the population that's used to being chased, snitched on and hunted, there's no reason for Texas to update the original Fugitive Slave Act posters much. The state could even recycle earlier images and illustrations and not lose any of the original meaning. Only the text on the posters has to be updated to accommodate contemporary sensibilities.

Here in Pennsylvania, we're just a Republican governor away from attempting our own version of SB8. We have plenty of fanatics in the Pennsylvania Legislature who would make their colleagues in Texas look like amateurs if given the opportunity.

Admittedly, Pennsylvania's GOP isn't nearly as clever as Texas', but they're just as ruthless. Only stupidity and in-fighting keeps them from succeeding in their terrible plans. The governor's race in 2024 will determine whether this state follows in Texas' toxic wake.

If we're lucky, the events in Texas will galvanize Democrats to take the threat of Gilead-style theocracy seriously. The kind of people who made the original Fugitive Slave Act possible are still with us. They don't intend to go away quietly.

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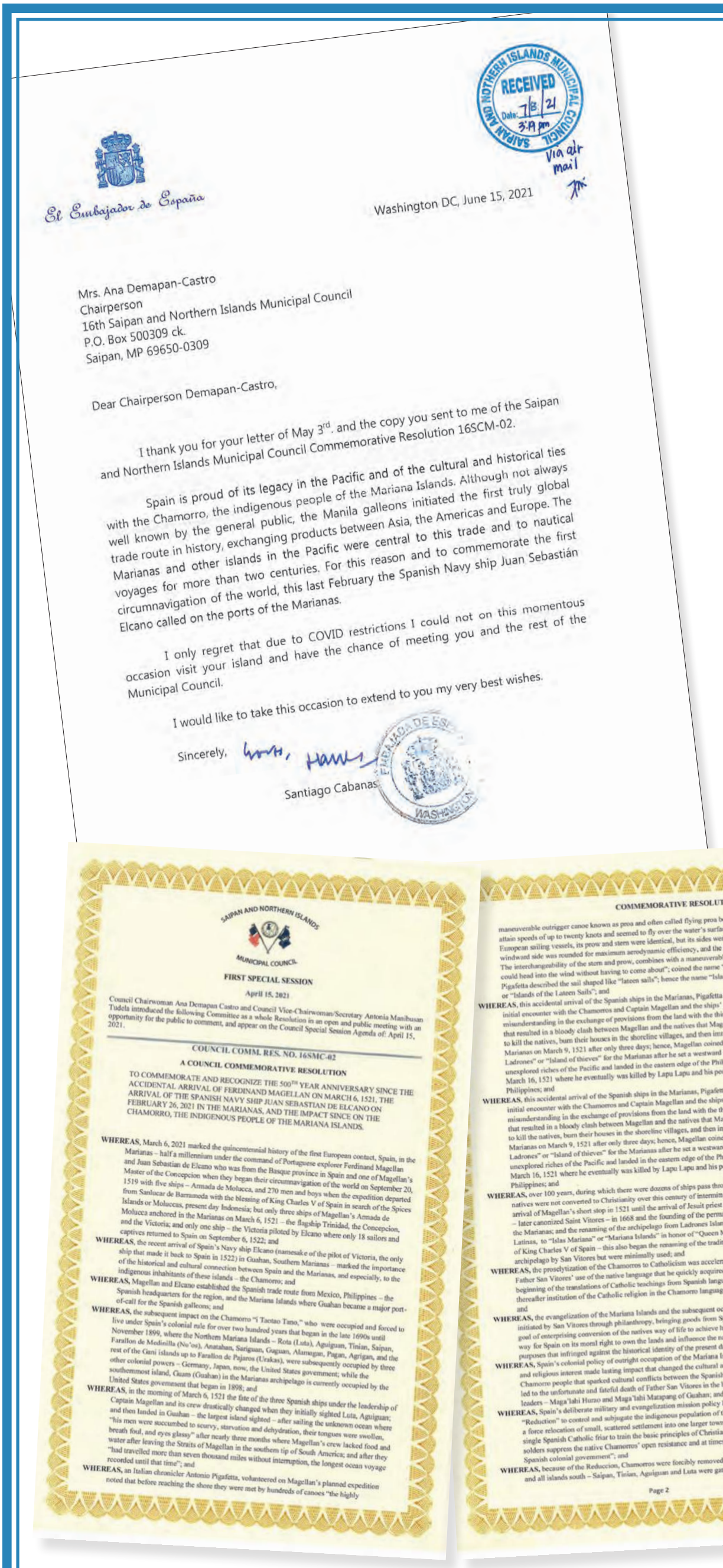
ban, but if you find somebody who thinks it might not be a bad idea, he's probably a Republican.

Nevertheless, an American Taliban connection isn't supported by the optics. You rarely see a Talib without a weapon. On the other hand, the same legislature that passed SB 8 also passed HB 1927, which allows just about any Texan to openly carry a weapon just about anywhere, without a license or training of any sort, another measure the majority of Texans don't support.

Then there are the Taliban's beards and robes, an exotic look unmatched on the American right. Still, the Taliban do not look at all exotic to other Afghans. No, they look just like the people who live next door.



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Mrs. Ana Demapan-Castro
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Dear Chairperson Demapan-Castro,

I thank you for your letter of May 3rd. and the copy you sent to me of the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council Commemorative Resolution 16SCM-02.

Spain is proud of its legacy in the Pacific and of the cultural and historical ties with the Chamorro, the indigenous people of the Mariana Islands. Although not always well known by the general public, the Manila galleons initiated the first truly global trade route in history, exchanging products between Asia, the Americas and Europe. The Marianas and other islands in the Pacific were central to this trade and to nautical voyages for more than two centuries. For this reason and to commemorate the first circumnavigation of the world, this last February the Spanish Navy ship Juan Sebastián Elcano called on the ports of the Marianas.

I only regret that due to COVID restrictions I could not on this momentous occasion visit your island and have the chance of meeting you and the rest of the Municipal Council.

I would like to take this occasion to extend to you my very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Santiago Cabanas

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16th Saipan & Northern Islands Municipal Council: ***Secretary Daniel I. Aquino, Chairperson Ana Demapan-Castro, and Vice Chairperson Antonia M. Tudela.***

SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

April 15, 2021

Council Chairwoman Ana Demapan Castro and Council Vice-Chairwoman/Secretary Antonia Manibusan Tudela introduced the following Committee as a whole Resolution in an open and public meeting with an opportunity for the public to comment, and appear on the Council Special Session Agenda of: April 15, 2021.

COUNCIL COMM. RES. NO. 16SMC-02

A COUNCIL COMMEMORATIVE RESOLUTION

TO COMMEMORATE AND RECOGNIZE THE 500TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY SINCE THE ACCIDENTAL ARRIVAL OF FERDINAND MAGELLAN ON MARCH 6, 1521, THE ARRIVAL OF THE SPANISH NAVY SHIP JUAN SEBASTIAN DE ELCANO ON FEBRUARY 26, 2021 IN THE MARIANAS, AND THE IMPACT SINCE ON THE CHAMORRO, THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS.

WHEREAS, March 6, 2021 marked the quincentennial history of the first European contact, Spain, in the Marianas – half a millennium under the command of Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan and Juan Sebastian de Elcano who was from the Basque province in Spain and one of Magellan's Master of the Concepcion when they began their circumnavigation of the world on September 20, 1519 with five ships – Armada de Molucca, and 270 men and boys when the expedition departed from Sanlucar de Barrameda with the blessing of King Charles V of Spain in search of the Spices Islands or Moluccas, present day Indonesia; but only three ships of Magellan's Armada de Molucca anchored in the Marianas on March 6, 1521 – the flagship Trinidad, the Concepcion, and the Victoria; and only one ship – the Victoria piloted by Elcano where only 18 sailors and captives returned to Spain on September 6, 1522; and

WHEREAS, the recent arrival of Spain's Navy ship Elcano (namesake of the pilot of Victoria, the only ship that made it back to Spain in 1522) in Guahan, Southern Marianas – marked the importance of the historical and cultural connection between Spain and the Marianas, and especially, to the indigenous inhabitants of these islands – the Chamorro; and

WHEREAS, Magellan and Elcano established the Spanish trade route from Mexico, Philippines – the Spanish headquarters for the region, and the Mariana Islands where Guahan became a major port-of-call for the Spanish galleons; and

WHEREAS, the subsequent impact on the Chamorro "i Taotao Tano," who were occupied and forced to live under Spain's colonial rule for over two hundred years that began in the late 1690s until November 1899, where the Northern Mariana Islands – Rota (Luta), Aguiguan, Tinian, Saipan, Farallon de Medinilla (Nu'os), Anatahan, Sariguan, Guguan, Alamagan, Pagan, Agrigan, and the rest of the Gani islands up to Farallon de Pajaros (Urakas), were subsequently occupied by three other colonial powers – Germany, Japan, now, the United States government; while the southernmost island, Guam (Guahan) in the Marianas archipelago is currently occupied by the United States government that began in 1898; and

WHEREAS, in the morning of March 6, 1521 the fate of the three Spanish ships under the leadership of Captain Magellan and its crew drastically changed when they initially sighted Luta, Aguiguan; and then landed in Guahan – the largest island sighted – after sailing the unknown ocean where "his men were succumbed to scurvy, starvation and dehydration, their tongues were swollen, breath foul, and eyes glassy" after nearly three months where Magellan's crew lacked food and water after leaving the Straits of Magellan in the southern tip of South America; and after they "had travelled more than seven thousand miles without interruption, the longest ocean voyage recorded until that time"; and

WHEREAS, an Italian chronicler Antonio Pigafetta, volunteered on Magellan's planned expedition noted that before reaching the shore they were met by hundreds of canoes "the highly maneuverable outrigger canoe known as proa and often called flying proa because it was able to attain speeds of up to twenty knots and seemed to fly over the water's surface. Unlike the European sailing vessels, its prow and stern were identical, but its sides were different; the windward side was rounded for maximum aerodynamic efficiency, and the leeward side was flat. The interchangeability of the stern and prow, combines with a maneuverable lateen sail, meant it could head into the wind without having to come about"; coined the name "Flying Proa"; and Pigafetta described the sail shaped like "lateen sails"; hence the name "Islas de las Velas Latinas" or "Islands of the Lateen Sails"; and

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WHEREAS, over 100 years, during which there were dozens of ships pass through this archipelago, the natives were not converted to Christianity over this century of intermittent contact since the arrival of Magellan's short stop in 1521 until the arrival of Jesuit priest Diego Luis de San Vitores – later canonized Saint Vitores – in 1668 and the founding of the permanent Christian mission in the Marianas; and the renaming of the archipelago from Ladrones Islands, Islas de las Velas Latinas, to "Islas Mariana" or "Mariana Islands" in honor of "Queen Mariana de Austria," wife of King Charles V of Spain – this also began the renaming of the traditional names of the archipelago by San Vitores but were minimally used; and

WHEREAS, the proselytization of the Chamorros to Catholicism was accelerated by the knowledge of Father San Vitores' use of the native language that he quickly acquired in the Marianas, and the beginning of the translations of Catholic teachings from Spanish language to Chamorro; thereafter institution of the Catholic religion in the Chamorro language and Chamorro way of life; and

WHEREAS, the evangelization of the Mariana Islands and the subsequent occupation of the archipelago initiated by San Vitores through philanthropy, bringing goods from Spain in accomplishing its goal of enterprising conversion of the natives way of life to achieve his mission; and paved the way for Spain on its moral right to own the lands and influence the natives for its colonial purposes that infringed against the historical identity of the present day Chamorro people; and

WHEREAS, Spain's colonial policy of outright occupation of the Mariana Islands for military, economic and religious interest made lasting impact that changed the cultural and traditional lifestyle of the Chamorro people that sparked cultural conflicts between the Spanish presence in the islands that led to the unfortunate and fateful death of Father San Vitores in the hand of two Chamorro leaders – Maga'lahi Hurao and Maga'lahi Mazapang of Guahan; and

WHEREAS, Spain's deliberate military and evangelization mission policy known as the "Reduccion" or "Reduction" to control and subjugate the indigenous population of the islands – "essentially meant a force relocation of small, scattered settlement into one larger town that made it easier for a single Spanish Catholic friar to train the basic principles of Christianity and to have the Spanish solders suppress the native Chamorros' open resistance and at times, violent resistance against the Spanish colonial government"; and

WHEREAS, because of the Reduccion, Chamorros were forcibly removed from as far north as Urukas and all islands south – Saipan, Tinian, Aguiguan and Luta were gathered and relocated to

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Guahan, except for some natives who took refuge in the difficult terrain and dense jungle in Luta; and

WHEREAS, this fierce and violent resistance or rebellion of the Chamorros against the Spanish soldiers and the Catholic mission is referenced by academic scholars as the 30-years "Chamorro-Spanish war of 1660s to 1690s"; and

WHEREAS, by the nineteenth century, Tinian was essentially depopulated and served as a pork and beef pasture that by 1818, only one Spanish administrator remained with the few remaining leper colony who eventually died from smallpox; and by1869 Tinian was leased to an Irishman, H.G. Johnston who was later married to an Anderson of Chamorro ancestry from Guam where they brought 230 imported workers from Namonuito, Chuuk, Caroline Islands to hunt meat and start farming crops to trade with Guam and whaling vessels, a profitable venture that continued until he was lost at sea in 1878; his wife eventually returned to Guam, some of the workers returned to Chuuk, and the rest moved to Saipan and eventually resettled in Tanapag; and

WHEREAS, on May 9, 1899 two companies of "Regimento de voluntarios Macabebes" from the Philippine province of Pampanga arrived at Guam on board the Manila mail-boat Elcano, enroute to Saipan under the command of Don Eugenio Blanco, Philippine-born to Spanish parents, who served as Colonel in the Spanish army where at the hand-over of the Philippines to the Americans, he and his Tagalogs volunteer men – the Macabebes, who previously fought against their countrymen, were shipped to Saipan to avoid persecution by the American military and Filipino militants who supported the Americans; and to take over the administration in Saipan; and

WHEREAS, the Filipino-General Blanco's Macabebes forced themselves to live within the natives homes where each house of each family lived several vile soldiers as masters and treated the Chamorros like enemies, not only did they steal and plunder, they also forced their landlords to every kind of labor and service and gave them all sorts of diseases in return; and where many Chamorros fled Saipan to seek refuge in Guahan from the semi-lawless Spanish colonial administration on the island; and

WHEREAS, on November 17, 1899, the formal hand-over of the Spanish colonial administration to the German colonial government because of the acquisition of the Northern Mariana Islands and the former colony of the Caroline Islands "Micronesian Islands" to formalize the $4.2 million dollars purchase from Spain; and

WHEREAS, on November 30, 1899, after two-weeks of formal hand-over of the administration and removal of the Spanish Governor Blanco and his Macabebes troop were boarded on the "Uranus" and transported to Spain where Blanco and his entourage were eventually relocated to the Canary Islands to serve as the garrison for the islands; and

WHEREAS, in the over 200 years of Spanish colonial government occupation of the Mariana Islands there were at least 40 appointed Spanish governors to the Marianas archipelago that began on June 10, 1676 by Governor Francisco de Irisarri y Viva on Guam; and up until the last appointed Governor Eugenio Blanco during the transitional Spanish occupation of the Mariana Islands when Garapan, Saipan became the new Capital of the Spanish colonial government in 1898 after the Paris Peace settlement between Spain and the United States when Guam served as the traditional capital had been lost to the American military; and

WHEREAS, Germany's primary mission in Saipan was to set up the civilian administration under the German colonial Government, constructed basic infrastructure like road, ports, etc., and support commercial enterprise in copra and coconut oil production throughout the archipelago, especially, copra plantations in Saipan, Pagan and Anatahan; small plantation and production of tobacco; and harvested the highly prized bird feathers for export to Europe; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1900 the German colonial government encouraged the resettlement of the Chamorros from Guam to Saipan; again, in 1912 another resettlement from Guam to Saipan arrived, where the German colonial government gave small land grants to the returning natives; and did not discouraged the use of their indigenous language; and

WHEREAS, in support of commercialization, the German colonial government brought in 46 Indonesian to serve on a 3-year contract as police troops to serve on Saipan and the rest of the German held colonial Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, the June 1905 major typhoon devasted Pingalap and Pohnpei, and especially, the disaster of the "Good Friday Typhoon of 1907" that ravaged the atolls and islands in the Western and Central Caroline Islands from Mortlocks in the east to Ulithi in the west; and where most of the southern atolls were affected losing breadfruit and coconut trees, in some cases, unsustainable loss of settlement land by storm surge erosion – this began the German colonial government

SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CALLS FOR A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY ON THE STATUS OF THE CHAMORROS IN THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS ARCHIPELAGO

The Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council passed Council Commemorative Resolution No. 16SMC-ng its Special Session on April 15, he Resolution calls for a "Comsive Study" on the status of the ous people of the Northern as. The Resolution urge both MI and Federal government to e appropriate funding for this ears study to ensure the consisf the 1976 Covenant as prom- a higher standard of living for amorros.

comprehensive study will focus on al data to be spearheaded by the rn Marianas College, the CNMI ous Affairs Office, and Matua for Chamorro Advancement, a ofit indigenous organization.

Council Chairwoman Ana an-Castro and Vice Chairwomtonia Manibusan-Tudela seeks tangible comprehensive data on us of the Chamorros in the last rs since colonization to decolo- of the people and the NMI as in the Resolution "To commemnd recognize the 500th year an- y since the accidental arrival of nd Magellan on March 6, 1521, val of the Spanish Navy Ship Juan n de Elcano on February 26, Guam, and the impact since on amorro, the indigenous people of iana Islands."

stemmed from the recent brief visit by Spain's Navy Ship Elcano in Guam retracing Captain Magellan's "Armada de Molucca" circumnavigation of the world in search of the Spices Islands or Molucca Islands in Indonesia 500 years ago today. The Elcano Navy Ship arrived on Guam on February 26, 2021 and departed on March 2, 2021 depicting almost the same duration of stay when Capt. Magellan abruptly left the Mariana Islands after only three days on 9 March 1521.

The study shall provide the status of the Chamorros since the arrival of Magellan in the Marianas exactly 500 years ago, after his fateful death in Mactan, Philippines, and eventual return of one of his "Armada de Molucca" ships "Victoria" piloted by Master Elcano 500 years ago.

The study shall provide information on Spain's eventual occupation of the Mariana Islands for over 200 years to evangelize the Chamorros on Catholic teachings and the use of the Northern Mariana Islands as a stopover route to the Philippines, Molucca Islands and Mexico since 1660s up until 1898. It shall also provide the status of the Chamorros during the brief occupation of Germany after the Northern Marianas was sold by Spain in 1898 as part of the $4.2 million dollars acquisition and occupation of the Northern Marianas for economic development; and when the Northern Marianas became a protectorate of Japan from early 1900s to 1941 under the auspice of the League of Nations predecessor of the United Nations; and until the end of World War Two in 1945.

Further, the study shall provide the status of the Chamorros under the United Nations Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (UNTTPI) with the United States as the administering authority over all the Micronesian Islands, including the Northern Marianas from 1945 up until the signing of the Covenant in 1976.

Furthermore, the study shall provide the status of the Chamorros after the effective date of the Covenant on March 24, 1976 to March 24, 2021 – 45 years to date. To ensure the provisions as promised in the Covenant are consistent whether we are attaining or regressing on the objective and spirit of the agreement in achieving a higher standard of living for the indigenous people.

The Northern Marianas have been pushed for economic development from all the major countries in the Asia region—Japan, Korea, and China since the opening of the flood gate after the first constitutional government in January 1978.

To support the CNMI government develop its infrastructure, social programs, and services, etc., the United States government provided millions of dollars for the construction of capital improvements such as hospitals, schools, roads and highways, utilities infrastructure, seaport, and airports; funding for social programs for public benefits, including enforcement and training, etc.

The CNMI Immigration and Labor laws provided an open-door policy for foreign investors to invest millions of dollars from Japan, Korea and China that provided the footprint for a booming economy in construction, tourism, garment, and casino investment requiring the need for thousands of skilled foreign laborers, mostly from this Asia region to support the tourism industry, garment industry; and more recent, the casino industry.

This open-door policy allowed for investors and laborers to do business and raise their families, including the opportunity for their children to become United States citizen regardless of the parents are non-U.S. citizen.

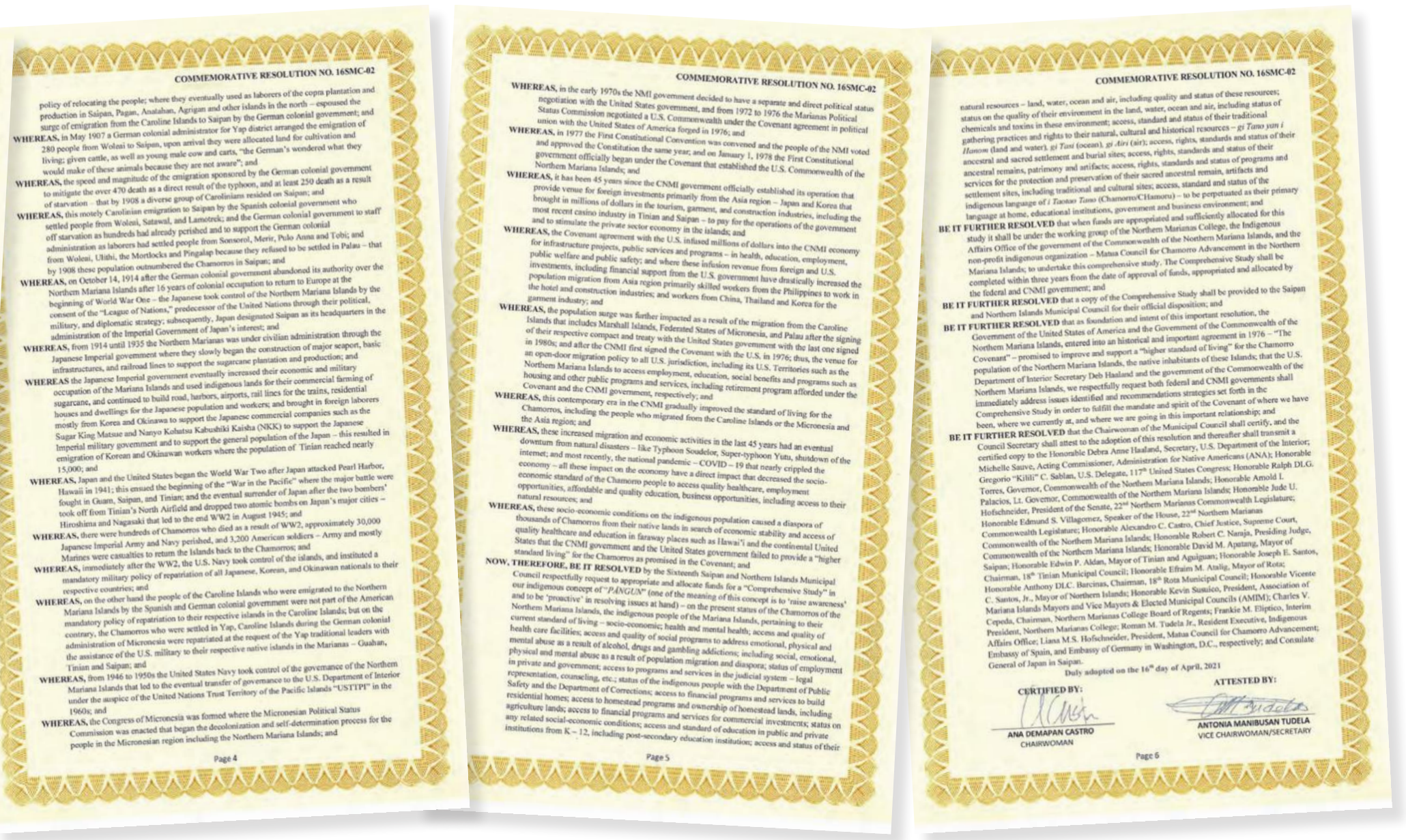
The impact on the indigenous people was further exacerbated by treaties signed between the United States government and the Micronesian region governments, after the U.S. signed the Covenant Agreement with the NMI in 1976.These U.S. treaties provided for emigration of citizens from the Compact of Freely Associated States (FSM, ROB, RMI) or COFA nations to seek employment, education, social services, to list a few that further impacted the landscape of the indigenous people.

The impact on the indigenous people includes employment in government and private sectors, environment, healthcare, education, public safety, social benefits such as free public education (Head-start and K-12 slots), Daycare Centers, affordable housing, healthcare (hospital beds, Medicaid); and the harvesting of natural resources on land and in the ocean for subsistence and medicinal purposes critical to the survival of the indigenous people, to list a few social and economic impacts on the Chamorro population.

The status of the Chamorro in their native language at home and in the educational settings, including educational advancement in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) careers, trade, and technical skills; their health condition on Cancer, Diabetes and any other life-threatening diseases, access to subsistence living, traditional gathering rights, and incarceration rates are among the priorities of the study.

And the status of available land for homestead and agriculture, and access to shorelines for sustainable fishing and harvesting essential and critical to the continued survival of the indigenous people. Land i Tano, water i Hanom, ocean i Tasi, and airspace i Airi – have an inalienable connection to the Chamorros of the Mariana Islands archipelago for thousands of years.

More importantly, the three-years Comprehensive Study will provide policymakers a roadmap on the status of the Chamorros in drafting future public policies that affect the social, economic, cultural, and traditional issues to mitigate the decline in language, health, education, subsistence living and traditional gathering rights that are critical to ensure continuity of the protection, preservation, and survival of the Chamorros for generations to come.



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policy of relocating the people; where they eventually used as laborers of the copra plantation and production in Saipan, Pagan, Anatahan, Agrigan and other islands in the north – espoused the surge of emigration from the Caroline Islands to Saipan by the German colonial government; and

WHEREAS, in May 1907 a German colonial administrator for Yap district arranged the emigration of 280 people from Woleai to Saipan, upon arrival they were allocated land for cultivation and living; given cattle, as well as young male cow and carts, "the German's wondered what they would make of these animals because they are not aware"; and

WHEREAS, the speed and magnitude of the emigration sponsored by the German colonial government to mitigate the over 470 death as a direct result of the typhoon, and at least 250 death as a result of starvation – that by 1908 a diverse group of Carolinians resided on Saipan; and

WHEREAS, this motely Carolinian emigration to Saipan by the Spanish colonial government who settled people from Woleai, Satawal, and Lamotrek; and the German colonial government to staff off starvation as hundreds had already perished and to support the German colonial administration as laborers had settled people from Sonsorol, Merir, Pulo Anna and Tobi; and from Woleai, Ulithi, the Mortlocks and Pingalap because they refused to be settled in Palau – that by 1908 these population outnumbered the Chamorros in Saipan; and

WHEREAS, on October 14, 1914 after the German colonial government abandoned its authority over the Northern Mariana Islands after 16 years of colonial occupation to return to Europe at the beginning of World War One – the Japanese took control of the Northern Mariana Islands by the consent of the "League of Nations," predecessor of the United Nations through their political, military, and diplomatic strategy; subsequently, Japan designated Saipan as its headquarters in the administration of the Imperial Government of Japan's interest; and

WHEREAS, from 1914 until 1935 the Northern Marianas was under civilian administration through the Japanese Imperial government where they slowly began the construction of major seaport, basic infrastructures, and railroad lines to support the sugarcane plantation and production; and

WHEREAS the Japanese Imperial government eventually increased their economic and military occupation of the Mariana Islands and used indigenous lands for their commercial farming of sugarcane, and continued to build road, harbors, airports, rail lines for the trains, residential houses and dwellings for the Japanese population and workers; and brought in foreign laborers mostly from Korea and Okinawa to support the Japanese commercial companies such as the Sugar King Matsue and Nanyo Kohatsu Kabushiki Kaisha (NKK) to support the Japanese Imperial military government and to support the general population of the Japan – this resulted in emigration of Korean and Okinawan workers where the population of Tinian reached nearly 15,000; and

WHEREAS, Japan and the United States began the World War Two after Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, Hawaii in 1941; this ensued the beginning of the "War in the Pacific" where the major battle were fought in Guam, Saipan, and Tinian; and the eventual surrender of Japan after the two bombers' took off from Tinian's North Airfield and dropped two atomic bombs on Japan's major cities – Hiroshima and Nagasaki that led to the end WW2 in August 1945; and

WHEREAS, there were hundreds of Chamorros who died as a result of WW2, approximately 30,000 Japanese Imperial Army and Navy perished, and 3,200 American soldiers – Army and mostly Marines were casualties to return the Islands back to the Chamorros; and

WHEREAS, immediately after the WW2, the U.S. Navy took control of the islands, and instituted a mandatory military policy of repatriation of all Japanese, Korean, and Okinawan nationals to their respective countries; and

WHEREAS, on the other hand the people of the Caroline Islands who were emigrated to the Northern Mariana Islands by the Spanish and German colonial government were not part of the American mandatory policy of repatriation to their respective islands in the Caroline Islands; but on the contrary, the Chamorros who were settled in Yap, Caroline Islands during the German colonial administration of Micronesia were repatriated at the request of the Yap traditional leaders with the assistance of the U.S. military to their respective native islands in the Marianas – Guahan, Tinian and Saipan; and

WHEREAS, from 1946 to 1950s the United States Navy took control of the governance of the Northern Mariana Islands that led to the eventual transfer of governance to the U.S. Department of Interior under the auspice of the United Nations Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands "USTTPI" in the 1960s; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of Micronesia was formed where the Micronesian Political Status Commission was enacted that began the decolonization and self-determination process for the people in the Micronesian region including the Northern Mariana Islands; and

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WHEREAS, in the early 1970s the NMI government decided to have a separate and direct political status negotiation with the United States government, and from 1972 to 1976 the Marianas Political Status Commission negotiated a U.S. Commonwealth under the Covenant agreement in political union with the United States of America forged in 1976; and

WHEREAS, in 1977 the First Constitutional Convention was convened and the people of the NMI voted and approved the Constitution the same year; and on January 1, 1978 the First Constitutional government officially began under the Covenant that established the U.S. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and

WHEREAS, it has been 45 years since the CNMI government officially established its operation that provide venue for foreign investments primarily from the Asia region – Japan and Korea that brought in millions of dollars in the tourism, garment, and construction industries, including the most recent casino industry in Tinian and Saipan – to pay for the operations of the government and to stimulate the private sector economy in the islands; and

WHEREAS, the Covenant agreement with the U.S. infused millions of dollars into the CNMI economy for infrastructure projects, public services and programs – in health, education, employment, public welfare and public safety; and where these infusion revenue from foreign and U.S. investments, including financial support from the U.S. government have drastically increased the population migration from Asia region primarily skilled workers from the Philippines to work in the hotel and construction industries; and workers from China, Thailand and Korea for the garment industry; and

WHEREAS, the population surge was further impacted as a result of the migration from the Caroline Islands that includes Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, and Palau after the signing of their respective compact and treaty with the United States government with the last one signed in 1980s; and after the CNMI first signed the Covenant with the U.S. in 1976; thus, the venue for an open-door migration policy to all U.S. jurisdiction, including its U.S. Territories such as the Northern Mariana Islands to access employment, education, social benefits and programs such as housing and other public programs and services, including retirement program afforded under the Covenant and the CNMI government, respectively; and

WHEREAS, this contemporary era in the CNMI gradually improved the standard of living for the Chamorros, including the people who migrated from the Caroline Islands or the Micronesia and the Asia region; and

WHEREAS, these increased migration and economic activities in the last 45 years had an eventual downturn from natural disasters – like Typhoon Soudelor, Super-typhoon Yutu, shutdown of the internet; and most recently, the national pandemic – COVID – 19 that nearly crippled the economy – all these impact on the economy have a direct impact that decreased the socio-economic standard of the Chamorro people to access quality healthcare, employment opportunities, affordable and quality education, business opportunities, including access to their natural resources; and

WHEREAS, these socio-economic conditions on the indigenous population caused a diaspora of thousands of Chamorros from their native lands in search of economic stability and access of quality healthcare and education in faraway places such as Hawai'i and the continental United States that the CNMI government and the United States government failed to provide a "higher standard living" for the Chamorros as promised in the Covenant; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sixteenth Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council respectfully request to appropriate and allocate funds for a "Comprehensive Study" in our indigenous concept of "*PÅNGUN*" (one of the meaning of this concept is to 'raise awareness' and to be 'proactive' in resolving issues at hand) – on the present status of the Chamorros of the Northern Mariana Islands, the indigenous people of the Mariana Islands, pertaining to their current standard of living – socio-economic; health and mental health; access and quality of health care facilities; access and quality of social programs to address emotional, physical and mental abuse as a result of alcohol, drugs and gambling addictions; including social, emotional, physical and mental abuse as a result of population migration and diaspora; status of employment in private and government; access to programs and services in the judicial system – legal representation, counseling, etc.; status of the indigenous people with the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Corrections; access to financial programs and services to build residential homes; access to homestead programs and ownership of homestead lands, including agriculture lands; access to financial programs and services for commercial investments; status on any related social-economic conditions; access and standard of education in public and private institutions from K – 12, including post-secondary education institution; access and status of their

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natural resources – land, water, ocean and air, including quality and status of these resources; status on the quality of their environment in the land, water, ocean and air, including status of chemicals and toxins in these environment; access, standard and status of their traditional gathering practices and rights to their natural, cultural and historical resources – *gi Tano yan i Hanom* (land and water), *gi Tasi* (ocean), *gi Airi* (air); access, rights, standards and status of their ancestral and sacred settlement and burial sites; access, rights, standards and status of their ancestral remains, patrimony and artifacts; access, rights, standards and status of programs and services for the protection and preservation of their sacred ancestral remain, artifacts and settlement sites, including traditional and cultural sites; access, standard and status of the indigenous language of *i Taotao Tano* (Chamorro/CHamoru) – to be perpetuated as their primary language at home, educational institutions, government and business environment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that when funds are appropriated and sufficiently allocated for this study it shall be under the working group of the Northern Marianas College, the Indigenous Affairs Office of the government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the non-profit indigenous organization – Matua Council for Chamorro Advancement in the Northern Mariana Islands; to undertake this comprehensive study. The Comprehensive Study shall be completed within three years from the date of approval of funds, appropriated and allocated by the federal and CNMI government; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the Comprehensive Study shall be provided to the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council for their official disposition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as foundation and intent of this important resolution, the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, entered into an historical and important agreement in 1976 – "The Covenant" – promised to improve and support a "higher standard of living" for the Chamorro population of the Northern Mariana Islands, the native inhabitants of these Islands; that the U.S. Department of Interior Secretary Deb Haaland and the government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, we respectfully request both federal and CNMI governments shall immediately address issues identified and recommendations strategies set forth in the Comprehensive Study in order to fulfill the mandate and spirit of the Covenant of where we have been, where we currently at, and where we are going in this important relationship; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairwoman of the Municipal Council shall certify, and the Council Secretary shall attest to the adoption of this resolution and thereafter shall transmit a certified copy to the Honorable Debra Anne Haaland, Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior; Michelle Sauve, Acting Commissioner, Administration for Native Americans (ANA); Honorable Gregorio "Kilili" C. Sablan, U.S. Delegate, 117th United States Congress; Honorable Ralph DLG. Torres, Governor, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; Honorable Arnold I. Palacios, Lt. Governor, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; Honorable Jude U. Hofschneider, President of the Senate, 22nd Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature; Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez, Speaker of the House, 22nd Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature; Honorable Alexandro C. Castro, Chief Justice, Supreme Court, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; Honorable Robert C. Naraja, Presiding Judge, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; Honorable David M. Apatang, Mayor of Saipan; Honorable Edwin P. Aldan, Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan; Honorable Joseph E. Santos, Chairman, 18th Tinian Municipal Council; Honorable Efraim M. Atalig, Mayor of Rota; Honorable Anthony DLC. Barcinas, Chairman, 18th Rota Municipal Council; Honorable Vicente C. Santos, Jr., Mayor of Northern Islands; Honorable Kevin Susuico, President, Association of Mariana Islands Mayors and Vice Mayors & Elected Municipal Councils (AMIM); Charles V. Cepeda, Chairman, Northern Marianas College Board of Regents; Frankie M. Eliptico, Interim President, Northern Marianas College; Roman M. Tudela Jr., Resident Executive, Indigenous Affairs Office; Liana M.S. Hofschneider, President, Matua Council for Chamorro Advancement; Embassy of Spain, and Embassy of Germany in Washington, D.C., respectively; and Consulate General of Japan in Saipan.

Duly adopted on the 16th day of April, 2021

CERTIFIED BY:

ANA DEMAPAN CASTRO
CHAIRWOMAN

ATTESTED BY:

ANTONIA MANIBUSAN TUDELA
VICE CHAIRWOMAN/SECRETARY

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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Partly cloudy. Isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.
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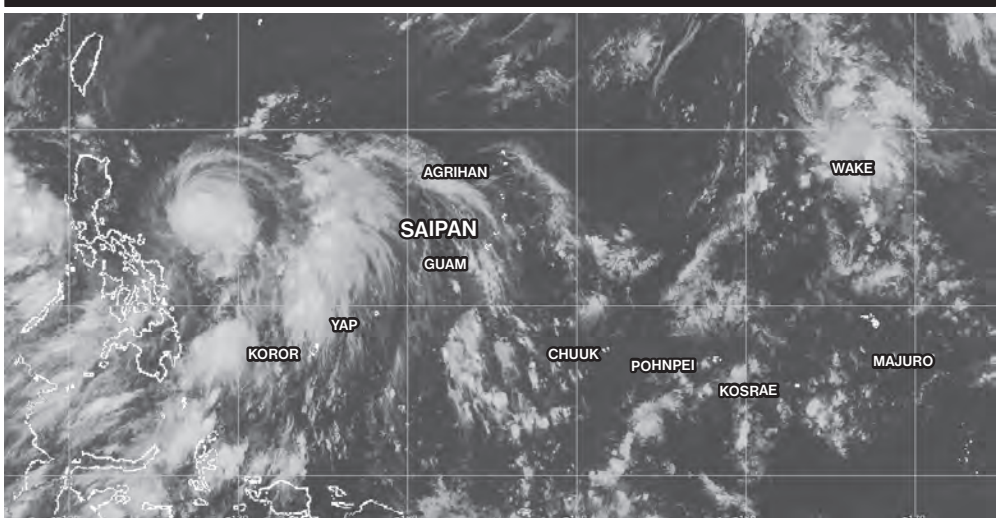
YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 8:51 AM, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Despite a weak ridge over the area, convergent southeasterly winds are creating a narrow band of showers and thunderstorms, mainly across Guam`s waters, oriented NW-SE. Farther north over the CNMI, much quieter conditions are seen. Taking a wider view, Super Typhoon Chanthu, now near 15N129E, continues westward and away from the region. Another disturbance, north of Yap, is the focus of widespread showers and thunderstorms along and west of 140E. Latest altimetry data show seas of 4 to 5 feet across the region, slightly higher than model guidance.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Morning clouds	79 / 87 °F
Palau	Mostly cloudy	78 / 88 °F
Yap	Mostly cloudy	76 / 89 °F
Chuuk	Partly cloudy	78 / 87 °F
Pohnpei	Morning clouds	75 / 88 °F
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	80 / 87 °F
Majuro	Partly sunny	83 / 87 °F

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:05 AM	6:22 PM
Saturday	6:05 AM	6:21 PM
Sunday	6:05 AM	6:21 PM
Monday	6:05 AM	6:20 PM
Tuesday	6:05 AM	6:19 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	8:48 AM	8:52 PM	-
Saturday	9:46 AM	9:38 PM	-
Sunday	10:46 AM	10:27 PM	-
Monday	11:48 AM	11:20 PM	-
Tuesday	12:51 PM	6:35 PM	-

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Sunny	46 / 59 °F
Beijing	Afternoon clouds	65 / 80 °F
Hong Kong	Partly sunny	83 / 90 °F
Honolulu	Partly cloudy	74 / 84 °F
London	Partly cloudy	54 / 75 °F
Los Angeles	Morning clouds	65 / 84 °F
Manila	Partly cloudy	81 / 89 °F
Melbourne	Afternoon clouds	50 / 60 °F
Miami	High level clouds	80 / 89 °F
New York	Partly cloudy	72 / 83 °F
Osaka	Morning clouds	68 / 90 °F
Paris	Partly cloudy	56 / 80 °F
Pusan	Partly cloudy	77 / 86 °F
Rome	Morning clouds	65 / 87 °F
Salem	Light showers	56 / 67 °F
San Francisco	Morning clouds	59 / 68 °F
Seoul	Partly cloudy	65 / 84 °F
Tokyo	Partly cloudy	72 / 87 °F
Washington, DC	Partly cloudy	69 / 83 °F

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
3:48 AM	Low Tide	0.51
9:38 AM	High Tide	1.99
4:01 PM	Low Tide	0.54
9:54 PM	High Tide	2.01

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	6:45am	7:25am	1, 3, 6
UA117	9:45am	10:25am	2, 4, 5, 7

GUAM-MANILA (MNL)

UA183	7:05pm	8:50pm	2, 5
UA183	7:25pm	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

UA117/183	6:45am	9:10pm	1, 3, 6 via Guam
UA117/183	9:45am	8:50pm	2, 5 via Guam
UA117/183	9:45am	9:10pm	4, 7 via Guam

SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)

7C3406	3:10PM	6:55PM	3
TW9308	3:20PM	8:00PM	4
OZ6243	4:00PM	7:40PM	6

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	5:00am	5:41am	1, 3, 6
UA174	8:00am	8:41am	2, 4, 5, 7

MANILA (MNL)-GUAM

UA184	9:50pm	3:55am+1	2, 5
UA184	10:25pm	4:30am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA184/174	9:50pm	5:41am+1	2, 5 via Guam
UA184/174	10:25pm	5:41am+1	7 via Guam
UA184/174	10:25pm	8:41am+1	1, 3, 4, 6 via Guam

INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3405	8:30AM	2:10PM	3
OZ6233	9:00AM	2:30PM	6
TW9307	10:00AM	2:20PM	4

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 18, 2021

SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301	8:30AM	9:00AM	Daily
1302	11:00AM	11:30AM	Daily
1303	1:30PM	2:00PM	Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri
1304	3:30PM	4:00PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	9:30AM	10:00AM	Daily
3102	12:00AM	12:30AM	Daily
3103	1:30PM	3:00PM	Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri
3104	4:30PM	5:00PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	13:00	13:30	Temporarily Unavailable

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00	7:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1202	8:00	8:15	Daily
1203	9:00	9:15	Daily
1204	10:00	10:15	Daily
1205	11:00	11:15	Daily
1206	12:00	12:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1207	13:00	13:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1208	14:00	14:15	Daily
1209	15:00	15:15	Daily
1210	16:00	16:15	Daily
1211	17:00	17:15	Daily
1212	17:00	17:15	Temporarily Unavailable

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2101	7:30	7:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2102	8:30	8:45	Daily
2103	9:30	9:45	Daily
2104	10:30	10:45	Daily
2105	11:30	11:45	Daily
2106	12:30	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2107	13:30	13:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2108	14:30	14:45	Daily
2109	15:30	15:45	Daily
2110	16:30	16:45	Daily
2111	17:30	17:45	Daily
2112	18:30	18:45	Temporarily Unavailable

STOP THE SPREAD

The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. continue to encourage residents within the Marianas to practice social distancing, which means avoiding close contact with people in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on to others.

- Stay home as much as possible. Avoid unnecessary travel or public places.
- Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10.
- Choose drive-thru, take-out, or delivery options, or outdoor seating, if available, when dining in.
- Send only one healthy adult from the household run necessary errands, such as getting groceries or picking up medications. Leave children, elderly, and other vulnerable people at home as much as possible. When returning home from an errand, wash your hands before doing anything else.
- Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. People at high risk should stay at home as much as possible.
- Create a household plan of action, https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/checklisthousehold-ready.html
- Ensure a 30-day supply of all medicines.

Continue good hand hygiene

- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic

- Stay home when you are sick and if you recently traveled to a place with COVID-19. Self-quarantine means:
- ❑ Choosing a room in your house that can be used to separate sick household members from others.
- ❑ Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- ❑ Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- ❑ Limiting visitors

CHCC appreciates the patience and understanding of the community at this time. To obtain general information about the CNMI COVID-19 response, contact the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force Hotline at 287-0046, 287-0489, 287-1089. These numbers are available Monday to Sunday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For medical information about COVID-19, reach out to the COVID-19 Infoline at the following numbers: 285-1672/1352. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For mental health support and helpful tips during a crisis, call the Mental Health Support Line at 285-1856, 323-6560, 323-6561 These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30 pm. For the 24/7 Disaster Distress Helpline, call SAMSHA at 1-800-985-5990.

For more information about DIY face coverings, visit https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html

For more information about CHCC programs, follow CHCC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at www.chcc.gov.mp or call us at (670) 234-8950.

For more information on the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, visit www.governor.gov.mpand, follow @GovernorCNMI on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

This health advisory may be found online at http://www.chcc.gov.mp/pressrelease.html and at www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19.

Rumor control

During crises like this, oftentimes the spread of misinformation is just as dangerous as the virus itself. The CNMI is reminded to only share official and verified notices, press releases, and advisories from the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC.

Source: Office of the Governor

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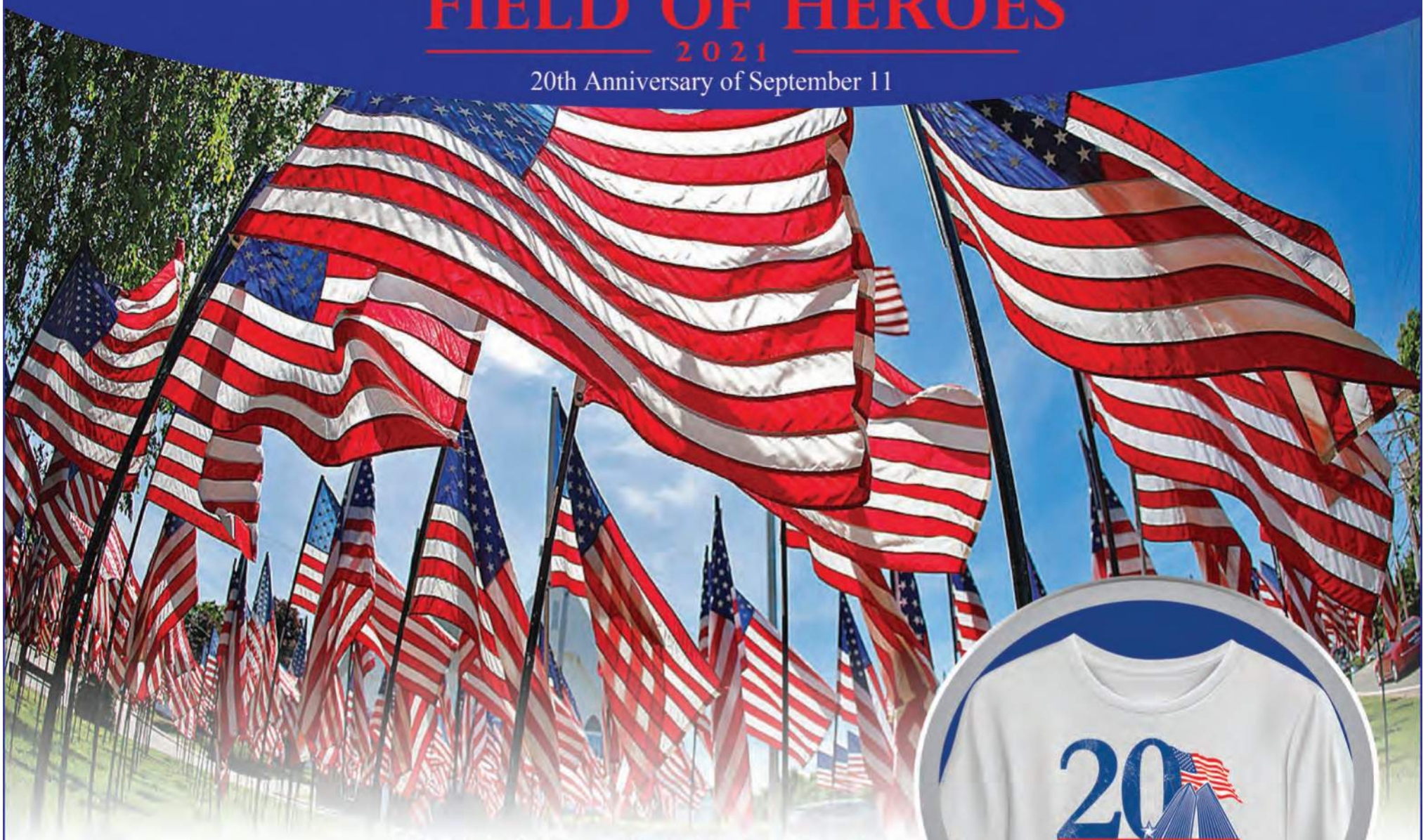

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SCHEDULE

	Posting of Flags	Motorcade	Retiring of Flags
Saipan	Friday Sept. 3	Saturday Sept. 11 - 9:00AM Assembly - 8:00AM	Thursday Sept. 30
	American Memorial Park		
Tinian	Tuesday Sept. 7	Roadside Waving Friday Sept. 10	Friday Sept. 24
	Veterans Memorial Park		
Rota	Thursday Sept. 9	Ceremony Friday Sept. 17	Sunday Nov. 12
	Corporal Joe G. Charfauros Jr. Rota Veterans Memorial Park		

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEASE OF PUBLIC LAND

In accordance with Section 106 (b) of Public Law 15-2, the Department of Public Lands hereby gives notice of its intent to lease certain public land in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Any interested parties of the general public may submit comments, data, views, or arguments of alternative proposals for the lease of the public land. As further provided by Public Law 15-2, the following pertinent information is required to be published.

i. The proposed lease of public landis described as Tract 21662 containing an area of approximately 44,350 square meters, more or less, situated in Garapan, Saipan. A copy of the location of the parcel is available at the Department of Public Lands and website www.dpl.gov.mp for inspection.

ii. The prospective lessee is Saipan Portopia Hotel Corporation dba Hyatt Regency.The lists of officers for Saipan Portopia Hotel Corporation dba Hyatt Regency are Hitoshi Nakauchi,President, Nonuhiko Ikemoto, Secretary/Treasurer and Nick Nishikawa, as General Manager.

iii. The proposed lease is compliant with DPL regulations and was negotiated by Mr. Nick Nishikawa.

iv. The lessee shall use the premises solely for the purpose of operating a Hotel Resort Complex.

The term of the public land lease agreement is 40 years.

The proposed annual rental during the term of the lease agreement is based on a percentage of the appraised fair market value of the property plus the applicable percentage of Business Gross Receipts in DPL's regulation.

v. A copy of the proposed lease agreement may be obtained at the office of the Department of Public Lands, located on the 2nd floor of the JoetenDandan Commercial Building in Dandan, Saipan; 1st floor of the De'Ana Commercial Building, Songsong Village, Rota; or the 1st floor of the Kings Commercial Building, Tinian. A copy will also be available online at www.dpl.gov.mp

vi. The Department of Public Lands has received no alternative proposals to lease the subject public land in ***Garapan, Saipan***.

vii. The Secretary of the Department of Public Lands shall accept written comments, views, arguments or alternative proposals from interested parties on or before, ***September 25, 2021*** at the Department of Public Lands offices located in Saipan, Rota or Tinian.

NUTISIAN INTENSION PARA U MA'ATKILAI TÅNU´ PUPBLIKU

Sigun gi Seksiona 106 (b) gi Lain Pupbliku 15-2, i Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku mannånå'i nutisia guini put i intension-ñihapara u ma'atkila metton na tanu' pupbliku giya Saipan, Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Islas Mariånas. Maseha håyi na pattida ni intirisao gi halum henerål pupbliku siña muna'hålum upiñon, imfotmasion, pat testimoniun kinontra gi tinahguin prinoponi siha para i atkilon nu i tanu' pupbliku. Kumu mapribeni mås mo'na ginin i Lain Pupbliku 15-2, i tinattitiyi pettanesi na imfotmasion manisisita para u mapupblika.

i. I maproponi na atkilon tanu' pupbliku madiskribi kumu Tract 21662 ni konsisisti kåsi 44,350 square meters, mås pat menus, ni gaigigi hålum Garapan, iya Saipan. I kopian pättin i lugåt managuaha gi ufisinan Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku yan i website gi www.dpl.gov.mp para inspeksion.

ii. I prospective lessee sa i Saipan Portopia Hotel Corporation dba Hyatt Regency. I listan ufisiåt siha para i Saipan Portopia Hotel Corporation dba Hyatt Regency si Hitoshi Nakauchi, Presidenti, Nonuhiko Ikemoto, Sekritåriu/Tresurâru yan si Nick Nishikawa, komu Henerål Maniya.

iii. I maproponi na atkilon ha tattiyi i regulasion DPL siha yan ginin manegosiuni as Siñot Nick Nishikawa.

iv. I lessee debi na u usa i lugåt put atyu ha' na rason nu i kinalamtin Hotel Resort Complex.

I tema nu i maproponina kontråtan atkilon sa kuarenta (40) åñus na tiempu.

I maproponi na atkilon gi kada' såkkan gi durântin teman kontråtan i` atkilon mapega gi putsientunu i bålin "appraised fair market" i propiedåt yan i aplikao na putsientu nu i Business Gross Receipts gi halum i regulasion DPL.

v. I kopian nu i maproponi na kuntråtan atkilon siña machuli' gi ufisinan i Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku, ni gaigi gi sigundu (2nd) na bibiendan i Joeten Dandan Commercial Building iya Dandan,Saipan, primet (1st) na bibiendan i De'Ana Commercial Building, iyaSongsong Village, Luta; pat i primet (1st) na bibiendan i Kings Commercial Building, giya Tini'an. I kopia debi lokkui' na managuaha online gi www.dpl.gov.mp

vi. I Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku tåya marisibi ni håfa na tinahguin inofresi siha ni para u ma'atkila i suhetu na tanu' pupbliku gi ***Garapan, iya Saipan.***

vii. I Sekritårian Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku debi na u aksepta tinigi' upiñon, imfotmasion, testimoniun kinontra pat tinahguinprinoponi siha ginin i manintirisão na pattida siha gi pat åntis di ***September 25, 2021*** gi ufisinan Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku siha ni gaigi giya Saipan, Luta pat Tini'an.

ARONGORONG REEL MÁNGEMÁNGIL POMMWOL ATKKILÓÓNOL FALUWEER TOULAP

Sángi Tálil 106 (b) reel Alléghúl Toulap 15-2, Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap e attotoowowa rongorong reel igha re mángemángil rebwe atkkilaay akkááw faluweer toulap loll Seipél, Commonwealth Téél Falúw kka Efáng llól Marianas. Schóókka re mwuschel isiisilong kkapas, data, views, ngáre angiingi reel pommwol atkkilóónol faluweer toulap. Eyoor sángi Alléghúl Toulap 15-2, arongorong ikka e amwirimwiritiw ebwe akkatééwow.

i. Pommwol atkkilóónol faluweer toulap e bwáálló bwe Tract 21662 ebwe bwáábwe 44,350 reel square meters, elapelóng áreeghus, iye e lo Arabwal, Seipél. Pappidil falúw yeel eyoor me Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap me bwal wóól website me www.dpl.gov.mp ngáre u Mwuschel amwuri.

ii. Pommwol school atkkilóón nge Saipan Portopia Hotel Corporation dba Hyatt Regency. List-al officers ngáli Saipan Portopia Hotel Corporation dba Hyatt Regency nge Hitoshi Nakauchi, President, Nonuhiko Ikemoto, Sekkretóóriyo/Treasurer me Nick Nishikawa, bwe General Manager.

iii. Pommwol atkkilóón nge e angúúngú fengál me mwóghutughutúl DPL me e abwungubwung sángi Mr. Nick Nishikawa.

iv. Schóól atkkilóón ebwe yááyá falúw ngáli mwóghutughutúl Hotel Resort Complex.

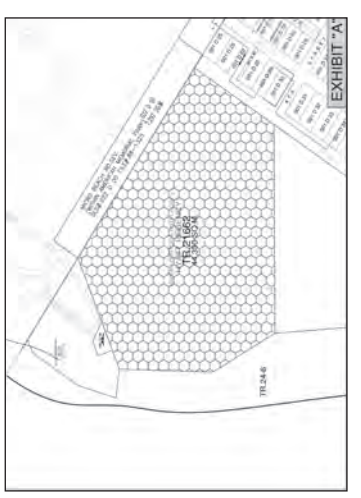
Pommwol abwungubwungúl Atkkilóónol Faluweer Toulap nge fááigh ráágh.

Pommwol atkkilóónol ghal ráághatol abwungubwungúl atkkilóón nge e lo reel "percentage" sángi "appraised fair market value" reel falúw fengál me "applicable percentage of Business gross Receipts" loll mwóghutughutúl DPL.

v. Pappidil pommwol abwungubwungúl Atkkilóón emmwel ubwe bweibwogh mereel Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap, iye e lo 2nd floor reel Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Seipél; 1st floor reel De'Ana Commercial Building, apilómwol Songsong, me Luuta; ngáre 1st floor reel Kings Commercial Building, Tchiliyól. Ebwal yoor pappidil mille online me www.dpl.gov.mp

vi. Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap rese bweibwogh pommw iye re siiwelingáli atkkilóón iye e lo weiláng reel faluweer toulap me ***Garapan, Seipél.***

vii. Sekkretóóriyal Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap emmwelil bweibwogh ischil mángemáng, views, angii ngáre pommwiye re siiweli sángi schóókka re mwuschel wool ngáre mmwalil ***September 25, 2021*** me Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap me Seipél, Luuta, ngáreTchiliyól.



Kilili criticizes parts of Torres' spending plan for ARPA, travel bubble subsidies

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) has criticized some parts of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' spending plan for the American Rescue Plan Act funds that the CNMI has received, describing them as "reckless disregard" of the public treasury.

Sablan pointed out in an interview Friday that none of this federal money is "automatic."

He pointed out that if the allocation of ARPA funding was based on population size, the CNMI would have gotten very little money so the U.S. Congress had to come up with a formula that would provide some fairness to the Commonwealth as a small territory.

"We figured out that, you know, there has to be a way," he said.

The formula that Congress came up with paved the way for the CNMI to get the $500 million from ARPA, he added, which is how they were able to get ARPA money for the territories.

Yet now there is a plan to use some of that ARPA money in ways that could be better spent elsewhere. Sablan said he understands that Torres is spending ARPA money to develop Pagan.

He said the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. needs money to improve and expand services, while the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. needs new power engines. The delegate said much of the money should instead be going to CHCC and CUC because that will benefit the people in the long term.

"We spend a lot of money and, at the end, when the money is out, we've got nothing to show for it," he said.

Sablan said the CNMI has also been spending money on hotels. He said for the travel bubble program, the CNMI subsidized each flight for $45,000. "We're paying for the hotel rooms and then we're giving them spending money," the delegate said, adding that the CNMI got less than a hundred people that took part in the program. "How much [did] we spend? I don't know yet but we spent a lot of money. Just think, $45,000 subsidy per flight, and now we have three flights a week."

As of press time yesterday, *Saipan Tribune* was waiting for comments from the administration. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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RFP21 – RED005

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: October 25, 2021

"MANAGAHA ISLAND MASTER CONCESSION OPERATOR"

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Arnold I. Palacios, through the Department of Public Lands (DPL), are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified firms interested in being the Exclusive Master Concession Operator for service and activities on or relating to Managaha Island.

The RFP instruction and information package (RFP Packet) is available online at www.dpl.gov.mp. Interested proposers may request an RFP Packet by email referenced **"RFP21-RED005 MANAGAHA CONCESSION".**

A pre-proposal tour of the island for all interested parties will be held on Managaha Island on **October 1, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.** Additional site visits may be requested through DPL with a minimal fee. Interested parties must arrange their own transportation to and from the island.

Questions from proposing firms regarding the premises and the contents of the RFP Packet must be received, **no later than 4:00 pm on October 8, 2021ChST** and must be submitted in writing via mail, email or facsimile to Mr. Sixto K. Igisomar, Secretary, DPL at the following address:

Department of Public Lands
2nd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building
P.O. Box 500380
Saipan, MP 96950
Telephone number(s): (670) 234-3751/52/53
Facsimile number: (670) 234-3755
Email: sixto.igisomar@dpl.gov.mp or dpl@dpl.gov.mp

Sealed proposals must be marked **"RFP21-RED005 MANAGAHA CONCESSION"**. One (1) original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be submitted to the DPL at its address above **no later than 4:00pm ChST, on October 25, 2021. A non-refundable Administrative Processing Fee of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($2,500.00)** is required upon submission of a proposal and payment must be made through cash or check payable to: Department of Public Lands.

By submitting a proposal, the interested firm agrees to enter into a concession agreement. DPL reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfection in any proposal, if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interest of public land beneficiaries. All costs associated with preparing a proposal are entirely the responsibility of proposers. All proposals shall become the sole property of DPL.

/s/ SIXTO K. IGISOMAR, DPL Secretary

9/11 Anniversary

9/11: As the decades pass, the act of remembering evolves

By TED ANTHONY
AP NATIONAL WRITER

Across the vast field where the plane fell out of the sky so many years ago, all is quiet.

The hills around Shanksville seem to swallow sound. The plateau that Americans by the millions ascend to visit the Flight 93 National Memorial, to think of those who died in this southwestern Pennsylvania expanse, sits just above much of the landscape, creating a pocket of quiet precisely where quiet needs to be.

It is a place that encourages the act of remembering.

Twenty years have passed since United Flight 93 made its final descent, chaos unfolding aboard as buildings burned 300 miles to the east. Nearly one-fifth of the country is too young to remember firsthand the day that changed everything.

At the edge of the memorial's overlook, a burly man in a leather Harley Davidson vest talks to two companions. He points toward the patch where the plane hit. It is an intimate conversation, and it is hard to hear what he's saying.

But his first two words are clear:

"I remember …"

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Remembering is not merely a state of mind. As those who beseech us to never forget the Holocaust have long insisted, it is an act. And when loss and trauma are visited upon human beings, the act of remembering takes many forms.

Remembering is political. Those who disagree about the fate of Confederate statues across the American South demonstrate that, as do those

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Smoke billows across the New York City skyline after two hijacked planes crashed into the twin towers on Sept. 11, 2001. AP

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PUBLIC NOTICE
REQUEST FOR CNMI WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to Section 401 of the federal Clean Water Act, activities that may result in a discharge to Waters of the United States and require a federal permit or license also receive Water Quality Certification. In issuing a Water Quality Certification for a federal permit or license, BECQ must assure that the proposed activity complies with all applicable provisions of the CNMI Water Quality Standards, will not interfere with the attainment or maintenance of the existing or designated uses of the Commonwealth waters, and that all appropriate and practicable steps have been taken to minimize potential adverse impacts to aquatic life and human health. Further, the Antidegradation Policy of the Water Quality Standards of the CNMI states that the protection and maintenance of the quality of the waters of the Commonwealth are an historic and legal right of the people of the Northern Mariana Islands, and that this shall be the public policy of the Commonwealth.

Upon receiving a request for certification, BECQ issues a public notification which describes the proposed activity and potential impacts on water quality, aquatic life and human health. A thirty (30) day public comment period will commence from the date of the publication of the notice.

The Administrator of BECQ may conduct a public hearing to solicit comments on the application if a hearing is requested by the public. BECQ will make a determination for issuing a Water Quality Certification based upon a complete technical review of the application and the public comments received.

BECQ is soliciting comments on the following request for a CNMI Water Quality Certification.

1. APPLICANT: Let's Go Tour Company dba Sea-Touch
PO Box 501280
Saipan, MP 96950

2. APPLICABLE STATUTORY AUTHORITY: CNMI Commonwealth Environmental Protection Act (Public Law No. 3-23); CNMI Water Quality Standards, Chapter 65-130

3. LOCATION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY: Beach side adjacent to Kanoa Resort, Susupe, Saipan

4. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY: The proposed activity is a floating marine animal enclosure for live stingrays used for recreational tours located approximately 75 feet offshore of the Kanoa Resort. The project is being reviewed as a Letter of Permission by the US Army Corps of Engineers pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, therefore it requires Water Quality Certification from BECQ in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. The floating structure would consist of a 6 by 75-foot floating access pier, a 30 by 50-foot floating dock system with fencing, and twenty 1-ton concrete anchor blocks. Live stingrays will be kept in the enclosure as an attraction for tourists visiting Saipan.

5. IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED ACTION: The discharge for which a federal permit is required, and therefore Water Quality Certification is required, is associated with the installation of twenty 1-ton concrete blocks on the seafloor. There is potential for this activity to directly impact coral and/or seagrass and other marine organisms, and to create temporary exceedances of CNMI Water Quality Standards for turbidity and total suspended solids.

6. PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES: During installation, Sea-Touch will be subject to all applicable Best Management Practices and compliance with CNMI Water Quality Standards. Following installation, the ongoing operations of Sea-Touch, including the placement of live stingrays, will be subject to compliance with CNMI Water Quality Standards. A water quality monitoring plan was developed to monitor before-after-control-impact (BACI) to generate baseline water quality data for bacteria, dissolved oxygen, temperature, turbidity, and nutrients, and then assess water quality during operations. These data will provide a general characterization of the nearshore lagoon water quality.

Written comments should be submitted to DEQ within thirty (30) days of the date of publication of this notice. Please email comments to cnmi.waterquality@gmail.com.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-006-21

DESIGN, PROCUREMENT, INSTALLATION AND MANAGEMENT OF SOLAR PANEL SERVICES AT THE FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting proposals from a qualified contractor to design, procure, install, commission and maintain a Ground and/or Roof-Interactive Photovoltaic System at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport as per this Statement of Work (SOW), Instruction to Proposers and associated Contract Documents, meeting all current federal, state and local government agencies' rules and regulations.

The CPA Executive Director hereby determines that the use of an invitation for bid is neither practical nor advantageous to the Authority because the Authority wishes to acquire services and products that cannot be evaluated by cost alone, or that factors other than price, such as technical expertise and/or the quality of materials, should be considered in determining the successful contractor.

The Statement of Work (SOW) outlines the project's general requirements and may be picked up at the CPA Accounting Office, 2nd floor of the Departure Terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport beginning August 20, 2021 upon payment of $100.00 in cash, cashier's check, or credit card.

Project approach and costs must be within the parameters of the established SOW. Any deviation from the SOW, a proposal based on reduced SOW or a proposal that exceeded what is required by the SOW, may be grounds for immediate disqualification of the Offeror's proposal package.

A **Pre-proposal** Conference will be held on Friday, September 10, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Airport Conference Room, 2nd floor of the Departure Terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, to discuss the project work in detail. Attendance to the pre-proposal conference is **mandatory**. Proposals will only be accepted from proposers who attended this pre-proposal conference. A site inspection may be performed after the pre-proposal conference. However, site inspections should be coordinated with CPA's Master Electrician, Mr. Steve Koch at telephone number 670-237-6540 or 670-285-5624, or via email at skoch@cnmiports.com.

Questions shall be submitted in writing to the CPA Administration Office, 2nd floor of the Arrival Building, or via email to Mr. Koch at skoch@cnmiports.com by no later than 5:00 p.m., September 15, 2021. Responses to questions or requests for information will be provided to all proposers who attend the mandatory pre-proposal conference.

Proposers shall submit one (1) original and four (4) copies of the proposals, sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: ***"RFP for Solar Panel Installation and Management for the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport".***

Proposals must be submitted by no later than **4:00 PM, SEPTEMBER 24, 2021**, to the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the Arrival Terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 USC §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders or offerors that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The United States Secretary of Transportation has granted the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands an exemption from the requirements of the Department of Transportation's Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) regulation, which later became the Department of Transportation's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program, as it relates to FAA grant programs. The Secretary of Transportation has not determined that a portion of those requirements should be reinstated.

Winning proposer shall be required to comply with 14 CFR 77.5 (c). FAA requires submittal of Alteration Form 7460-1 confirming analysis of no ocular impact to airport's ATCT cab.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

Date: _____

9/11

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who dispute how much the war on terror and its toll should be part of discussions about 9/11 memories.

Remembering wears many coats. It arrives in ground zero ceremonies and moments of silence and prayers upon prayers, both public and private. It shows itself in folk memorials like those erected at the sides of lonely roads to mark the sites of traffic deaths. It is embedded in the names of places, like the road that leads to the Flight 93 memorial—the Lincoln Highway. It surfaces in the retrieval of "flashbulb memories"—those where-were-you-when-this-happened moments that stick with us, sometimes accurately, sometimes not.

There are personal memories and cultural memories and political memories, and the line between them often blurs.

And for generations, remembering has been presented to us in monuments and memorials like Shanksville's, negotiated and constructed and fine-tuned to evoke and provoke the memories and emotions of people and moments in certain ways.

"Monuments are history made visible. They are shrines that celebrate the ideals, achievements and heroes that existed in one moment in time," architectural historian Judith Dupre writes in her 2007 book about them—a book she first pitched to her publisher on, of all dates, Sept. 10, 2001.

Yet while monuments stand, remembering itself evolves. How 9/11 is remembered depends on when 9/11 is remembered. Remembering it on Sept. 15, 2001, or on Sept. 11, 2004 is different from remembering it on Sept 11, 2011—or, for that matter, different from what it will be next weekend.

What, then, does remembering come to mean on a 20th anniversary, or at any juncture when an event like 9/11 starts to recede into the past—starts to become history—even as its echoes are still shaking the foundations of everything?

"Our present influences how we remember the past—sometimes in ways that are known and sometimes in ways that we don't realize," says Jennifer Talarico, a psychology professor at Lafayette College in Pennsylvania who studies how people form personal memories of public events.

Evidence of that is obvious in the events of the past five weeks in Afghanistan, where a 20-year war waged in direct response to 9/11 ended pretty much where it began: with the repressive and violent Taliban in charge once more.

"If we were still in Afghanistan and things were stable, we would be remembering 9/11 in probably a very different way than how we will remember it this year," says Richard Cooper, a vice president at the nonprofit Space Foundation who worked for the Department of Homeland Security for several years after the attacks and has watched many remembrances over the years.

"That heartbreak and pain we felt on the morning of Sept. 12, 2001, is resurrecting itself," Cooper says, "and that impacts how we remember it today."

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Even within more static forms of memory, such as the Flight 93 National Memorial, the question of how remembering changes and evolves hangs over so much.

In this Dec. 28, 2018, file photo, One World Trade Center towers above the lower Manhattan skyline and the Hudson River, in New York. AP

In the visitors' center, visceral, painful artifacts of the moment still bring back the past with astonishing efficiency; twisted, scarred cutlery from in-flight meals is a particularly breathtaking sight. But the variety of remembering that is presented yards away at the quiet overlook and its thoughtful memorial feels more permanent, more eternal—and now, 20 years on, more befitting of something that happened a generation ago.

Paul Murdoch of Los Angeles, the lead architect on the memorial, says it was carefully calibrated to resonate across multiple stages of memory about the event and its implications.

"You can imagine a memorial approach that sort of freezes anger in time, or freezes fear. And that can be a very expressionistic piece of art. But I feel like for something to endure over a long period of time, I think it has to operate a different way," says Murdoch, who co-designed the memorial with his wife, Milena.

"Now we have a generation of people who weren't even alive on 9/11," Murdoch says. "So how do you talk to people of this new generation—or of future generations?"

That question is particularly potent on this 20th anniversary. Society tends to mark generations in two-decade packages, so there's an entire one that has been born and come of age since the attacks. That hardly means they haven't been paying attention, though; they "remember" too, even if they weren't around.

Krystine Batcho, a psychology professor at Le Moyne College in Syracuse, New York, studies how nostalgia works. She found something interesting a couple years ago when she was researching how young people encountered stories that resonated with them—both personally and through the news.

Even those who lacked living memories of 9/11, Batcho says, responded with stories about the event. It was remembering as shared experience.

And no wonder. So many first encounters with 9/11 on the day it happened were, in the tradition of an information age, both separate and communal. People in different parts of the country and world, under vastly different circumstances, watched the same live camera angles on the same few feeds and saw the same, now-indelible views of the destruction in the same way. They experienced it apart, but together.

That formed a communal memory of sorts, even if sometimes people who saw the same things didn't remember them the same way—a specific camera angle or vantage point, a key figure's comments, the exact sequence of events. Remembering can be like that, experts like Talarico say, particularly with intense flashbulb memories like 9/11 that carve deep grooves but aren't necessarily accurate in the details.

"We reconstruct the event through our own lens, and part of that lens is very social," Batcho says. "You would think that the memories would be more cohesive and homogeneous. It turns out that it's much more complicated than that."

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May 31, 2002, less than a year afterward. Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani tells high school students in Shanksville at their commencement: "A hundred years from now, people are going to come and want to see it. And they are going to want to know what happened."

Sept. 11, 2016, the 15th anniversary. President Barack Obama says: "Fifteen years may seem like a long time. But for the families who lost a piece of their heart that day, I imagine it can seem like just yesterday."

That fundamental tension—it feels like yesterday, yes, but it is also becoming part of history for the long haul—is what confronts us in the coming days as many revisit and consider 9/11 and commit their own acts of remembering.

For those who were not at the nucleus of 9/11's horror and its pain but experienced it as part of the culture in which they live, it can somehow manage to feel like both yesterday and a long time ago all at once. And as with so many acts of remembering, it is still being debated and contested—and will be for a long time to come.

"Sober ceremonies should not mislead us into thinking the public remembrance of this horrific event is a settled matter," 9/11 historian John Bodnar wrote in a Washington Post opinion piece in May.

At a hinge point like a major anniversary, particularly with something as seismic as 9/11, it's easy to fall back on an aphorism like this one from William Faulkner: "The past is never dead. It's not even past." But the saying has endured for a reason.

Memory becomes history. And history—shared history—is held onto tightly, sometimes rabidly. It's why so many people grasp tightly to comforting, nostalgic historical narratives—even when they're shown to have been as destructive as they were productive.

The act of remembering something like 9/11 involves exactly that delicate balance. When memory does become history, it can become more remote, like a Revolutionary War memorial for people whose passions and sacrifices have been sanded down by time. With distance, it can calcify.

That's not going to happen with 9/11 for a long time, of course. Its politics are still roiling. The arguments that it produced—and the ways they sent society hurtling in a different direction—are just as intense as in those early days.

And when a nation pauses to remember the morning 20 years ago when it was attacked, it is not only looking over its shoulder. It is also looking around and wondering: What does this mean to us now?

"What is important in making a memorial, in what you remember and in how you remember it?" J. William Thompson wondered in his elegant 2017 book, "From Memory to Memorial: Shanksville, America and Flight 93."

Any answers to that are, understandably, complex. But behind all the formal words and ways to commemorate a day that upended the world, something more fundamental lurks: a simple imperative to hold onto a sense of what changed things, and how.

On the cover of Thompson's book, a man stands looking at the Shanksville crash site, his right arm raised. In his left he holds a hand-painted sign etched with four words, one declarative sentence: "I did not forget."

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Life & Style

Q&A: James Bond director Cary Fukunaga on 'No Time to Die'

By JAKE COYLE
AP FILM WRITER

This mage released by MGM shows director Cary Joji Fukunaga, right, with actor Daniel Craig on the set of the James Bond film "No Time to Die."

NICOLA DOVE/MGM VIA AP

NEW YORK (AP)—The film business is inherently full of starts and stops, but few have experienced the phrase "hurry up and wait" quite like "No Time to Die" director Cary Fukunaga.

Fukunaga, the 44-year-old filmmaker of "Beasts of No Nation" and the first season of "True Detective," took the job directing the 25th Bond film after Danny Boyle dropped out. What followed was, for a big-budget movie like "No Time to Die," a sprint to rewrite the script (with Neal Purvis, Robert Wade and Phoebe Waller-Bridge), begin production in spring 2019, wrap by the fall and have the film ready for release in April 2020.

But when the pandemic arrived, the fittingly titled "No Time to Die" was put on ice for a year and a half while MGM and United Artists Releasing awaited the right conditions to open a film that cost at least $250 million to make.

Fukunaga, the first American to direct a Bond film in the franchise's 58 years, has since moved onto other projects. But the wait for the biggest movie of his career has been—like most things during the pandemic—discombobulating. It's even affected his dreams. Fukunaga recently spoke by phone from London to The Associated Press ahead of "No Time to Die" finally coming out, on Sept. 30 in the United Kingdom and Oct. 8 in the U.S.

AP: What's this experience been like, waiting for "No Time to Die" to be released?

Fukunaga: I've never experienced anything like this. There have been releases that come out later but never by that much—especially because we broke our backs just trying to get done in time. So it's been strange. You want to watch it with an audience and see how people react. But you just kind of put it behind you. What I haven't gotten on this one is the satisfaction of anyone else seeing the film and saying "I hated it" or "I like it." That's the part you're waiting for. Some people are going to like. Some people aren't going to like it. But you still want to hear it. Even if you don't want to hear it, you want to hear it.

AP: How confident are you in the release date?

Fukunaga: I mean, nothing is certain until it's actually happening. After several delays, I'm always the last to know these things. So I just go with whatever they tell me. I have no part in making sure this happens or not. I just show up now.

AP: Do you ever wake up and wonder: Did I really make that movie?

Fukunaga: I had a dream last night where ("Skyfall" and "Spectre" director) Sam Mendes was there. We were on vacation on some frozen lake. There was a feeling like: He was done with Bond films. And he was like, "Oh, you finished one. Now you get a break." Then we started, like, water skiing on a frozen lake. It was a weird dream.

AP: Hollywood has been struggling during the pandemic to decide what's best for its most expensive films, like "No Time to Die," which need to sell a huge amount of tickets to break even. Do you feel that pressure?

Fukunaga: Of course. You want the film to perform as best it can. You have the industry professionals telling you everyone's optimistic, but no one really knows what's going to happen. You have the out to say COVID is the reason it underperformed. You want to be the exception and have people show up in mass. You don't want a pandemic to be the reason people didn't show up to see your film.

AP: What was your original interest in making a Bond film?

Fukunaga: I talked about doing Bond films quite a ways back. I talked to (producer Barbara Broccoli) even about doing one of these shortly after "Spectre." I always wanted to have a chance of competing—and I consider it competing even though I want my fellow filmmakers to do well—to see if I could make a movie that people actually wanted to show up to cinemas for. To me, Bond always made the most sense out of any of the tentpole, iconic figures out there as a character. If you were to look at my work in the past, I've always kind of focused on outsiders. This guy is somebody that for 60 years now has been an outsider. He felt like the kind of character that I would want to take on. Almost every one of my characters has been an orphan.

AP: You crafted a six-minute single take on "True Detective." Should we expect a long shot in "No Time to Die"?

Fukunaga: If we had more time, that would have been something on my radar. You have your priorities. I came on after Danny Boyle left the project and we had a very short amount of time to get the script ready and go into preproduction to make this thing. That meant all hands were on deck to get the story right and try to make sure this did justice to Daniel's run. We wanted to tie up a lot of loose ends or story threads that were set up in the last four films. So my biggest focus was trying to get the story to work on all levels. My ability to focus on specialty shots was obviously a primary concern but second to satisfying plot and emotional story.

AP: The film has been called more a psychological thriller. Is that accurate?

Fukunaga: If there's a needle that bent one way or the other based on genre, it's still categorially a Bond film. But it would lean to the psychological side.

AP: It seems there were some Bond traditions you and your collaborates were set on losing or inverting, like the old-fashioned Bond woman.

Fukunaga: I think we all wanted to—and I would say Barbara included—that we didn't want to fall into the trope of abandoning the last girl and moving on to the next one. There's even a technical term for that, which is called "fridging," which is just an awful word. It was actually pretty fun to play with the expectation of the disposability of the Bond woman. The fun part is to not feel like you're being reactionary to the currents of the time but nodding to the currents of the time with respect and awareness to character, story and place.

AP: And are you happy with film you made?

Fukunaga: Yeah. Whenever you make anything, you'd want to change it and make things better. But I think considering everything, this film looks it took years to make instead of a year.

Woman starting to see through boyfriend's big talk

DEAR ABBY: I am a 41-year-old divorced woman. My two grown children live with their dad. I have been in a relationship with "Sir Talks-a-Lot" for 16 months. I feel like I love him, but I'm having lots of doubts. When I don't see him, it doesn't bother me. If I made a pros-and-cons list, there would be more cons than pros.

And he talks nonstop—about anything and everything. If he's not texting me, he's calling me. We don't go on real dates; all we do is hang out or go out to grab a bite. He contradicts himself often, and if we argue, he is always the victim. He talks a good game, but I feel like it's all talk. I have gotten flowers once in 16 months, and no holiday or birthday gifts. But his talk game is so good that I feel guilty for thinking about breaking things off. Is it me? Or am I just feeling suffocated? Please give me some advice.

CONFUSED IN THE WITCH CITY

DEAR CONFUSED: It's not you, and stop feeling guilty. When someone's actions don't mirror what they say, it is a big red flag. You are being overdosed with "smother love," which is really less about you and more about Sir Talks-a-Lot's insecurity. He can't let you have your space because he's afraid that if he does, you will escape. It is important that you listen to your intuition, because it's sending you an important message.

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DEAR ABBY: There are several bad habits my husband has, but the one that frightens me the most involves our 2-year-old son. I'm afraid to leave them alone when we are out shopping. I have walked up on them a few times and noticed my husband reading or looking at stuff with his back to the buggy while our son is in it. When I tell him it scares me, he says I'm overreacting. I'm worried someone will steal our son. He always says, "He's within arm's reach. No one is going to run away with him before I have the chance to stop them."

Abby, this kind of crime has happened before. I have seen it in the news. My husband is no superhero. Am I wrong to think he should keep the buggy in front of him at all times when our son is in it? He shouldn't let our 2-year-old walk up the aisles unattended either. Or am I wrong?

LAURA IN OHIO

DEAR LAURA: You are not wrong to want to err on the side of safety. If it would put your mind at ease, your husband should accommodate your request. Toddlers should not wander unattended in the aisles either, not only because of the danger of kidnapping, but also the possibility of an accident.

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DEAR ABBY: I don't trust the woman I'm with. She flirts with other guys and says disrespectful things about me when she talks to other people. We are also not on the same page sexually. I feel obligated to her because we have been together for 15 years. I don't want counseling. What should I do?

NOT ON THE SAME PAGE

DEAR NOT ON THE SAME PAGE: What you should do is tell your longtime girlfriend exactly what you have told me and end the relationship. If you do, you will be doing both of you a favor. Trust me.

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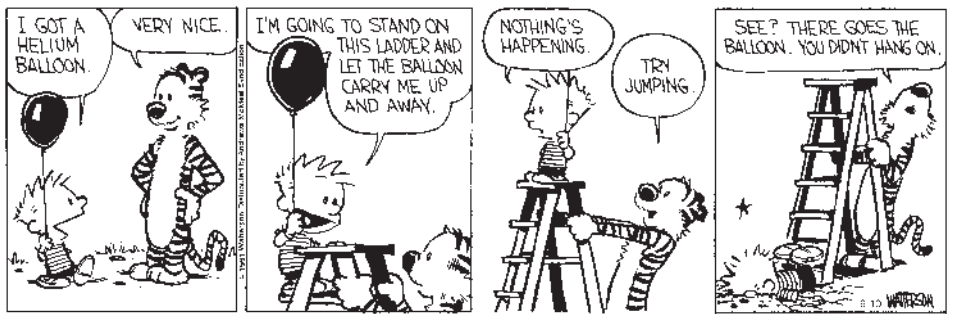
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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VERY NICE.
I'M GOING TO STAND ON THIS LADDER AND LET THE BALLOON CARRY ME UP AND AWAY.
NOTHING'S HAPPENING.
TRY JUMPING.
SEE? THERE GOES THE BALLOON. YOU DIDN'T HANG ON.

Garfield®

By Jim Davis

GARFIELD, I DOWNLOADED AN APP TO JON'S PHONE... "TOFU TO YOU"!
WITH THE PUSH OF A BUTTON, YOU GET TOFU DELIVERED!
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
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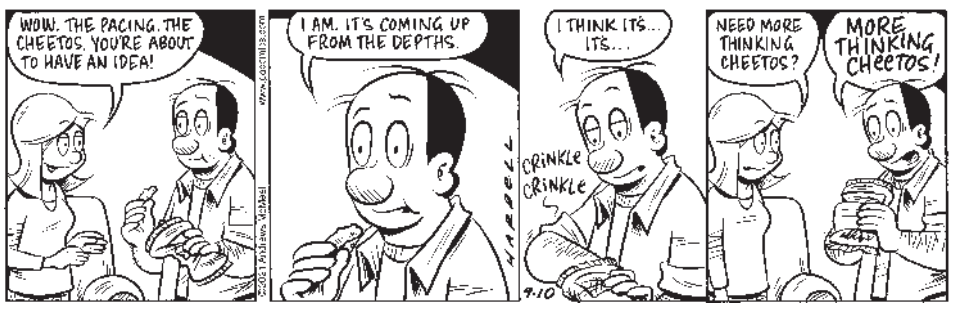
JIM DAVIS 9-10

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset


WOW. THE PACING. THE CHEETOS. YOU'RE ABOUT TO HAVE AN IDEA!
I AM. IT'S COMING UP FROM THE DEPTHS.
I THINK IT'S... IT'S...
CRINKLE CRINKLE
NEED MORE THINKING CHEETOS?
MORE THINKING CHEETOS!
9-10

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

THE WOMAN I'M SEEKING MUST BE INTELLIGENT, PRETTY, SENSITIVE, WITTY, CARING...
(BACKSPACE - BACKSPACE - BACKSPACE - BACKSPACE)
TAP TAP TAP
MUST BE... BREATHING.
I SEE YOU'RE EDITING YOUR DATING PROFILE.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Tax prep pro
4 Expose
8 Richard of "Chicago"
12 Bruins legend
13 Barbecue order
14 Asia's — Sea
15 Superfast
17 Defeat
18 D-Day carriers
19 Foot warmers
20 Sleepy mammal
22 Taxi alternative
24 Not taped
25 Mysterious
29 Gorilla
30 Wimbledon surface
31 Green prefix
32 Uncivilized
34 Russian ruler
35 Org.
36 Enthusiast
37 Aviary sound
40 Albacore, e.g.
41 Street edge
42 Curry powder spice
46 Mr. Stravinsky
47 Oklahoma tribe
48 — -Magnon
49 TV's "Warrior Princess"
50 Wizard's prop
51 Bad spell

DOWN

1 URL suffix
2 Season opener?
3 Avid museum-goer
4 Soup stock
5 Broadcasts
6 Hitter's stat
7 Computer key
8 Aplenty
9 Idle of Monty Python
10 Poolroom prop
11 Lodge members
16 Noble Italian family
19 Collections
20 Thick chunk
21 "Break My Heart" singer Dua
22 Track star Bolt
23 Pear type
25 Messes up
26 Scientist's work
27 Optimist's credo
28 String
30 React in horror
33 Diva Streisand
34 Fork part
36 Was livid
37 Roman 209
38 Ginormous
39 Pressing need
40 1982 sci-fi film
42 Road rescue
43 Actress Hagen
44 Hot temper
45 "Friends" cast member

Solution time: 25 mins.

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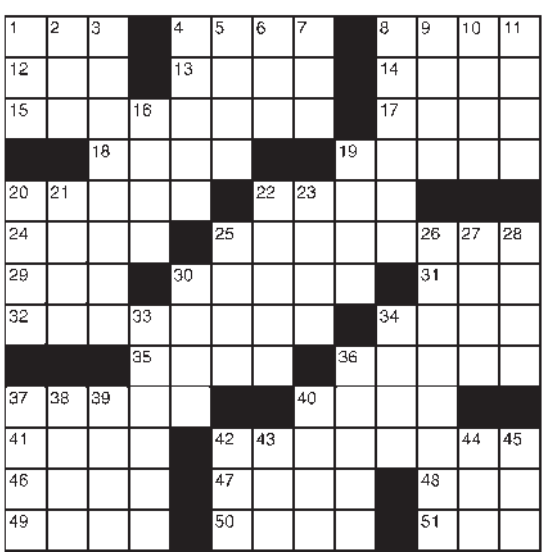

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ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Proceed with an idea, and you won't be disappointed. Join forces with someone you love and trust, and gain momentum. What you set out to do will encourage a better relationship and a joint venture to help you achieve long-term goals. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Emotional matters will fester if you ignore what's happening around you. Consider your choices, and make arrangements that will protect you, regardless of what others do or say. Look out for your interests, and make moderation a priority. ✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Create opportunities to impress and gain recognition. Be aware of the competition and the changes being made that can interfere with your plans. Think ahead, and prepare to outmaneuver anyone who gets in your way. Stick to the truth to avoid setbacks. ✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Do your best to stay out of trouble. Listen carefully and digest information without retaliating. Don't pick a fight or spend time with people eager to upset you. Tidy up unfinished projects, and do something physical to alleviate pent-up energy. ✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Be observant, or you may end up in an emotional tiff with someone close to you. Choose your words carefully, and don't dismiss a plea for attention. Nurture what you have, and adjust if it will help to keep the peace. ✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Address topics of conversation that address pending issues. Let go of the past, and make decisions that will allow you and those affected by the current situation the freedom to do what's best. Choose a positive path, and personal growth will follow. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Find a way to eliminate debt. Plan to help ease stress and give you something to strive to accomplish. An exciting opportunity will evolve through a networking event or forum you join. An old acquaintance will make a noted suggestion. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Keep your feelings to yourself. Consider your options for home improvements that will lighten your load physically, emotionally and financially. Living a simple lifestyle will allow you more time to explore and expand your philosophy. Congregate with people who share your beliefs. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Don't buckle under pressure. Use the experience and knowledge to outmaneuver anyone trying to take over or redirect you. Focus on self-improvement and helping a cause that concerns you. Romance will lift your spirits and bring you closer to someone you love. ✪✪✪

CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* You are overdue for a change. Gather information and verify facts. Consider how much it will cost to follow a path that excites you, and budget your way through a window of opportunity that brings you high returns. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Don't let responsibilities hold you hostage. Prepare to put everything to rest so you can move on to pastimes that offer an ultimate experience. Share your knowledge with someone who has something to offer in return. ✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* A financial mistake will limit what you can afford. Don't let anyone handle your financial, medical or legal affairs. Taking a hands-on approach to whatever concerns you will ensure that you come out on top. Leave nothing to chance. ✪✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are powerful, unique and persuasive. You are sensitive and friendly.

✪: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ✪✪: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ✪✪✪: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ✪✪✪✪: Aim high; start new projects. ✪✪✪✪✪: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

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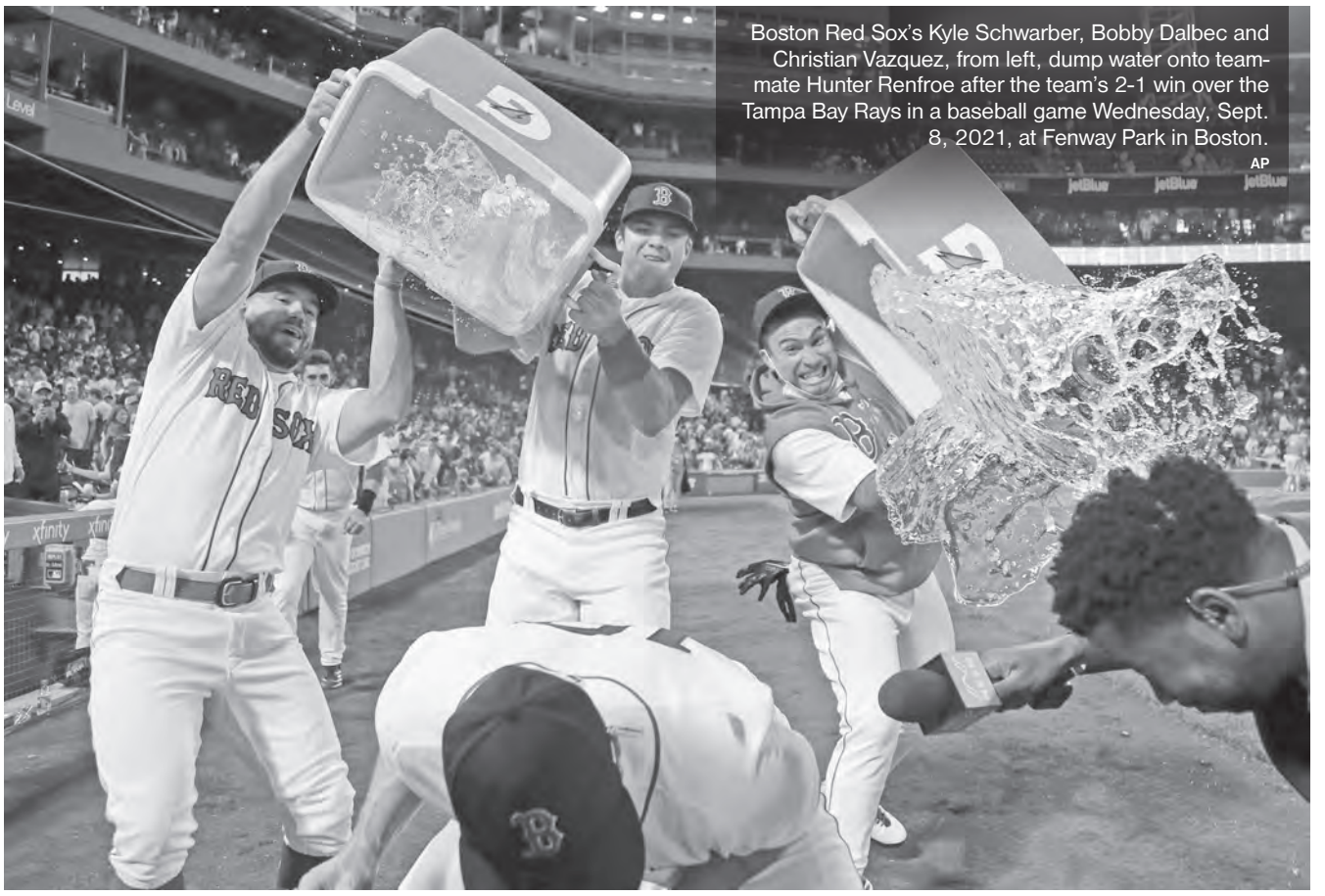
Renfroe's HR sends Boston Red Sox past Tampa Bay Rays, 2-1



Boston Red Sox's Kyle Schwarber, Bobby Dalbec and Christian Vazquez, from left, dump water onto teammate Hunter Renfroe after the team's 2-1 win over the Tampa Bay Rays in a baseball game Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2021, at Fenway Park in Boston. AP

BOSTON (AP)—Hunter Renfroe hit a two-run homer in the eighth inning and threw out Joey Wendle trying for a triple from deep center field for the final out of the ninth as the Boston Red Sox beat the Tampa Bay Rays 2-1 Wednesday night.

Renfore's big bat and strong arm helped the Red Sox avoid a three-game sweep against the AL East-leading Rays.

He drove a hanging slider from JT Chargois (5-1) over the Green Monster in left field just after Boston had fallen behind in what had been a scoreless tie through the first seven innings.

Boston pulled within nine games of Tampa Bay for the division lead.

Garrett Richards (7-7) got the win, and Hansel Robles picked up his 12th save.

Blue Jays 6, Yankees 3

In New York, Vladimir Guerrero Jr. hit his 41st homer, and the streaking Blue Jays knocked the slumping Yankees out of the AL's top wild-card spot.

The Yankees have lost five straight and nine of 11 since winning 13 in a row. This latest defeat dropped them a half-game behind Boston for the first wild-card slot.

Teoscar Hernández hit a go-ahead single in the seventh inning and Guerrero connected off Aroldis Chapman to begin the ninth as the Blue Jays won their seventh in a row. Toronto moved within 1 1/2 games of the Yankees.

Marcus Semien hit a two-run single during Toronto's three-run fourth. He scored the go-ahead run on Hernández's hit off Clay Holmes (6-3).

Trevor Richards (6-2) tossed 1 2/3 innings for the win. Jordan Romano worked a 1-2-3 ninth for his 16th save.

Padres 8, Angels 5

In San Diego, Yu Darvish threw six strong innings for San Diego, and Adam Frazier had two hits and three RBIs during the Padres' eight-run second inning.

The Padres took a one-game lead over Cincinnati for the NL's second wild card. The Reds lost 4-1 at the Chicago Cubs.

Darvish (8-9) allowed one run and three hits in his first win since June 21. Mark Melancon pitched the ninth for his 37th save, tops in the majors.

Jo Adell and Juan Lagares each hit a two-run homer for Los Angeles. Mike Mayers (4-5) got the loss in a bullpen game for the Angels.

Athletics 5, White Sox 1

In Oakland, Calif., Matt Chapman homered and Frankie Montas pitched seven sparkling innings, helping Oakland snap a four-game losing streak.

Montas (12-9) allowed one run and six hits in his third straight win. He got some help from his defense, with the A's turning inning-ending double plays in three of the first four frames.

Matt Olson, Yan Gomes and Elvis Andrus had run-scoring singles for the A's, who drew a crowd of 8,147 as they try to stay in the playoff race.

White Sox left-hander Dallas Keuchel (8-9) was charged with five runs and eight hits over 5 2/3 innings. He has just one win in his last 10 starts.

Giants 7, Rockies 4

In Denver, LaMonte Wade Jr. and Evan Longoria each had two RBIs during San Francisco's four-run rally in the ninth inning.

The streaking Giants (90-50) won their fourth straight and became the first team in the majors to win 90 games.

Brandon Crawford homered and Brandon Belt had three hits for San Francisco. Tyler Rogers (6-1) worked a scoreless eighth inning, and Jake McGee pitched the ninth for his 30th save.

Elías Díaz had three hits for Colorado, including his 16th homer. Trevor Story had a run-scoring double.

Carlos Estévez (2-4) got the loss, allowing all four runs in the ninth.

Cardinals 5, Dodgers 4

In St. Louis, Adam Wainwright pitched into the ninth inning, Yadier Molina homered and St. Louis stopped a four-game slide.

Tyler O'Neill also connected for the Cardinals, and Edmundo Sosa had an RBI single.

The Dodgers dropped two games back of NL West-leading San Francisco, which rallied for a 7-4 victory at Colorado.

Wainwright (15-7) sailed into the ninth, but he was replaced by Giovanny Gallegos after Corey Seager's RBI single got the Dodgers within two. Will Smith then hit a sacrifice fly before Gallegos struck out Chris Taylor for his fifth save.

Wainwright improved to 8-1 in his last nine starts.

Max Muncy hit his 31st homer for Los Angeles, which had won three of four. Mitch White (1-3) permitted four runs and five hits in five innings.

Cubs 4, Reds 1, 10 innings

In Chicago, Jason Heyward hit a three-run homer in the 10th inning to send the Cubs to their eighth victory in nine games.

Ian Happ homered for the third straight game, extending his hitting streak to a career-high nine games and helping the Cubs win their third consecutive series.

Joey Votto launched his 29th homer for Cincinnati. Brad Brach (1-2) got the loss.

The Reds have lost four of six as they fight for a playoff spot.

Codi Heuer (7-2) worked two hitless innings for the win.

Brewers 4, Phillies 3

In Milwaukee, Eduardo Escobar hit a tiebreaking solo homer for Milwaukee in the sixth inning.

Milwaukee, which won the final two games of the series after dropping the opener, extended its lead to 12 games in the NL Central over Cincinnati. Philadelphia remained 2½ games behind NL East-leading Atlanta.

Escobar drove an 0-1 pitch from Connor Brogdon (5-4) deep to right for his 25th homer. The infielder was acquired in a July trade with Arizona.

Milwaukee's bullpen covered 5 1/3 scoreless innings in relief of Freddy Peralta. Alan Ashby (2-0) got six outs for the win, and Josh Hader earned his 30th save.

Bryce Harper hit his 29th homer for Philadelphia in the first.

Nationals 4, Braves 2

In Atlanta, Juan Soto crushed a go-ahead homer in the seventh inning, and Washington relied on its bullpen after Sean Nolin's first-inning ejection.

Soto's long drive off Richard Rodriguez (0-1) landed about halfway up the seats in right-center and snapped a 2-all tie.

Nolin was ejected after only eight pitches. He gave up a one-out single to Jorge Soler, who had three hits, before throwing a pitch behind Freddie Freeman.

Nolin hit Freeman in the hip with the next delivery, possible retaliation for Braves closer Will Smith plunking Soto with a pitch in the ninth inning of Atlanta's 8-5 win Tuesday night.

Austin Voth (4-1) got the win, and Kyle Finnegan worked the ninth for his eighth save.

Adam Duvall and Eddie Rosario homered for Atlanta.

Twins 3, Indians 0

In Cleveland, Joe Ryan carried a perfect game into the seventh inning of his second big league appearance, leading Minnesota to the victory.

Ryan (1-1), who was acquired in a July trade with Tampa Bay for slugger Nelson Cruz, retired his first 19 batters before Amed Rosario lined a single through the left side of the infield with one out in the seventh.

Caleb Thielbar worked a perfect eighth and Tyler Duffey finished the one-hitter for his third save.

Miguel Sanó homered for Minnesota, which pitched back-to-back shutouts for the first time since 2019. The Twins have won four straight overall.

Cleveland right-hander Triston McKenzie (4-6) struck out seven while working six innings of one-run ball. The Indians lost their third in a row.

Marlins 2, Mets 1, 10 innings

In Miami, Bryan De La Cruz had three hits for Miami, including a game-winning single off the center-field fence in the bottom of the 10th inning.

Miami starter Sandy Alcantara struck out a career-best 14 and allowed one run in nine innings. The right-hander gave up four hits, walked one and hit a batter with a pitch.

Automatic runner Jazz Chisholm Jr. advanced to third on Magneuris Sierra's sacrifice bunt against Edwin Díaz (5-6) in the 10th. Jesús Sánchez struck out before De La Cruz drilled Díaz's pitch over the head of center fielder Albert Almora Jr.

Anthony Bender (3-2) worked a scoreless 10th for the win.

Mariners 8, Astros 5

In Houston, José Marmolejos hit a tiebreaking two-run single for Seattle with two outs in the ninth inning, and J.P. Crawford padded the lead with two-run homer.

The Mariners avoided a sweep. The AL West-leading Astros won the series opener Monday 11-2 and rallied Tuesday night for a 5-4 victory in 10 innings.

Diego Castillo (3-5) struck out the side in the eighth for the win.

Alex Bregman, Jose Altuve and Marwin Gonzalez homered for Houston. Ryan Pressly (5-2) got the loss.

Rangers 8, Diamondbacks 5

In Phoenix, Nathaniel Lowe had three hits, Jose Trevino drove in three runs and the Rangers matched a season high with their fourth straight win.

Last-place Texas matched a run from June 25-29, with both streaks coming on the road, where the Rangers are 20-51.

Arizona fell a season-low 50 games under .500 at 45-95. The Diamondbacks have lost five straight, all at home, and 10 of 11 overall.

Jharel Cotton (1-0) pitched a scoreless sixth inning for the win. Joe Barlow, the eighth Rangers pitcher, got the last out for his fourth save.

David Peralta and Nick Ahmed homered for Arizona. Luke Weaver (3-4) allowed three runs and four hits in five innings.

Orioles 9, Royals 8

In Baltimore, Kelvin Gutierrez hit a tying two-run single in Baltimore's nine-run eighth inning.

The Orioles also got two runs when two Kansas City outfielders collided on a ball hit by Cedric Mullins, and Ryan Mountcastle followed with a two-run homer.

Baltimore has taken two of three from Kansas City, which hasn't won a series at Camden Yards since April 2014. The finale of the four-game set is Thursday night.

Salvador Pérez hit his 42nd homer for Kansas City, and Andrew Benintendi had three hits and five RBIs. Josh Staumont (3-3) got the loss.

Manny Barreda (1-0) picked up his first career win. Tyler Wells got the last out and earned his second save.

Tigers 5, Pirates 1

In Pittsburgh, Miguel Cabrera and Robbie Grossman each had four hits, helping Detroit avoid a series sweep.

Cabrera was 4 for 4 with a double and three RBIs. Grossman was 4 for 5 and scored three runs.

Drew Hutchison (1-1) pitched two scoreless innings for his first win since since Aug. 17, 2018, for Texas against the Los Angeles Angels.

Pirates starter Mitch Keller (4-11) yielded four runs and 10 hits in five innings.

Cabrera has 2,971 hits in his career. The four-hit game was his first since April 26, 2019.

Raducanu, 18, 1st qualifier in US Open semis; Sakkari next

NEW YORK (AP)—When Emma Raducanu got to Flushing Meadows to try to win her way through qualifying and earn what would be a berth in her second Grand Slam tournament, she was not planning on a particularly long stay.

Look at her now, two weeks into this adventure: The 18-year-old from Britain is the first qualifier in the professional era to reach the U.S. Open semifinals. And she hasn't even dropped a set yet.

"My flights were booked at the end of qualifying," Raducanu said with a chuckle Wednesday, "so it's a nice problem to have."

Showing off the shots and poise of someone much more experienced, the 150th-ranked Raducanu became the second unseeded teen in two days to secure a spot in the final four, eliminating Tokyo Olympics gold medalist Belinda Bencic 6-3, 6-4 in Arthur Ashe Stadium.

Not bad for someone ranked outside the top 350 in June after going about 1 1/2 years without a match—in part because of the coronavirus pandemic, in part because her parents wanted her to finish high school.

"I'm not here to chase any records right now," said Raducanu, only the third woman not ranked in the top 100 to make it this far at the U.S. Open and only the fourth qualifier to advance to the semifinals at any major tournament since the Open era began in 1968. "I'm just taking care of what I can do (in) the moment."

Raducanu has won all 16 sets she has contested through eight matches in New York—three during the qualifying rounds and another five in the main draw. On Thursday, she will face No. 17 seed Maria Sakkari of Greece, a semifinalist at this year's French Open.

Sakkari won 22 consecutive points she served in one stretch and beat No. 4 Karolina Pliskova, a two-time major runner-up, 6-4, 6-4 on Wednesday night to follow up her victory over 2019 U.S. Open champion Bianca Andreescu in the previous round.

"I'm impressed," Sakkari said with a smile during her on-court interview when she was informed of that serving streak. "I trusted my serve, but now I'm going to trust it even more."

Emma Raducanu, of Great Britain, reacts after defeating Belinda Bencic, of Switzerland, during the quarterfinals of the US Open tennis championships, Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2021, in New York. AP

The other women's semifinal will be 19-year-old Leylah Fernandez of Canada against No. 2 seed Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus.

In the men's quarterfinals Wednesday, Olympic champion and 2020 U.S. Open runner-up Alexander Zverev stretched his winning streak to 16 matches with a 7-6 (6), 6-3, 6-4 victory over unseeded Lloyd Harris.

Harris went up 5-3 in the opening set but got broken while serving for it. He then held a set point at 6-5 in the tiebreaker but couldn't convert, and the fourth-seeded Zverev was on his way. The 24-year-old from Germany grabbed the next three points for that set, then moved out to leads of 3-0 in the second and 4-0 in the third.

"Somehow managed to win that first set," Zverev said. "Loosened me up a little bit."

Shortly after he lost to Dominic Thiem in last year's final at Flushing Meadows, Zverev was accused by a former girlfriend of domestic abuse, allegations he repeatedly has denied.

His second consecutive U.S. Open semifinal will come against No. 1 Novak Djokovic, who is bidding for the first calendar-year Grand Slam by a man since Rod Laver in 1969 and moved two wins away by defeating No. 6 Matteo Berrettini 5-7, 6-2, 6-2, 6-3 in the quarterfinals.

Raducanu made her Grand Slam debut at Wimbledon thanks to a wild-card invitation and she made it to the fourth round before stopping during that match when she had trouble breathing.

That tournament allowed the world to begin to get familiar with her style of crisp, clean tennis, managing to attack early in points from the baseline without sacrificing accuracy. By the end against the 11th-seeded Bencic, a U.S. Open semifinalist in 2019, Raducanu had nearly twice as many winners as unforced errors, 23-12.

She also showed gumption, both at the beginning, when she was undaunted by a 3-1 deficit and claimed the next five games, and at the end, when she fell behind love-30 each of the last two times she served before hanging on.

"Obviously, she's very solid," said Bencic, who hadn't dropped a set in the tournament before Wednesday, "to just kind of stay tough till the end and just play her game and kind of not let me in again."

When Bencic double-faulted to get broken and fall behind 3-2 in the second set, she trudged, slow as can be, to a corner of the court to retrieve her towel. When she got to her sideline seat, she whacked her racket against her equipment bag, then plopped herself down and smacked the racket against the ground.

Raducanu jogged to the sideline, showered in applause and cheers from the crowd.

Just like the prior afternoon, the Ashe spectators lent their considerable support to a teenager whose name is not yet well-known and who's not yet all that accustomed to gracing these stages.

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for the day," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

What's amazing is the 26-year-old Financial & Insurance Services Group employee was finally able to get the monkey off his back even while admitting he was physically drained after the first heat.

"I'm not gonna lie I was feeling a little beat after the first heat but right when we got to the starting line I went into hyper-focus mode and was ready to give it my best. My dad took the hole shot from the start and I was about fifth or sixth in the first turn, but after the first jump I was lucky to have a clear lane while the rest were trying to take the same fast line and grouped up. I was able to pass three people including my brother which put me in third place and not too far behind from my dad. I pushed and after two laps I was right behind him. I was feeling really good and was able to pressure him and stick right behind him," he said.

It was around the fifth lap that Shane finally made the move to pass Cuki and he never looked back until he took the checkered flag.

"I was able to make the pass on him once I found an opening on the turn right after a jump. Once I got in front I knew he was gonna pressure me back so I put the hammer down and rode a hard three laps and was able to widen the lead a little bit. I was feeling on but I also wasn't sure if he was giving me chance or if he was getting tired," he said.

Shane delighted that Cuki himself admitted that he didn't let up just to let his son win.

"After I secured the win he came up to me and told me that I had a blistering fast pace and he just couldn't keep up even though he was trying. That made me really happy because he told me that I really did beat him fair and square. He's still the champ this year and I can't wait to battle it out with him next season and try to steal the No. 1 plate from him. I can't wait to get back to racing again because there's nothing like being in that hyper-focus zone while doing something that's pretty dangerous! Makes it all the more fun!" he said.

Cuki congratulated his son for topping the Expert Class and made it clear he didn't let him win.

"He kicked my butt fair and square in the second moto! I passed him in the first moto to take the win in Heat 1. And then he did exactly what I did to him in Heat 2 and won the overall."

He said they were tied in points at the end of the day, with 47 each, but the second race ultimately determined the tiebreak.

"He was on fire in the second moto. No excuses, I just couldn't match his pace the last three laps of the 10-lap race. I led for like seven laps then he passed me and even pulled away winning by 7 seconds at the checkered flag. So, he won the overall for the day as far as the podium is concerned. He won gold," he said.

Results of the MRA Labor Day Race's Peewee ATV, Peewee I, Peewee II, Mini ATV, Mini I, Mini II, Power Puff Girls, Veterans, Novice Big Boy ATV, Big Boy ATV, Newbies, and Novice divisions will be reported in next week's edition of *Saipan Tribune*.

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Rosario also had high praise for the former MP United stalwart.

"I remember Rintaro in one of MP United FC's off-island tournaments in the Philippines (Pinas Cup) and he was one of the youngest in that U14 team that we field in. In that tournament he may be the youngest but he was persistent in trying to get some goals against bigger opponents, he is a pesky striker to the defenders. As he grew older his hard work is starting to pay off. Don't be fooled by his shy-type looks because he will punish you with his dribbling skills. I'm so proud of his accomplishments. All the best in the future and hope to see him in college soccer next year," he said.

NMI

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the season and also took the No. 1 spot in the team standings from the latter after improving to a 5-0-0 win-draw-loss record.

Kohtaro Goto, Jeremiah Diaz, and Richard Steele logged the goals for the NMI U18 after scoring in the 17th, 30th, and 54th minute, respectively.

Steele also hit the board for the NMI U18 in their demolition of the Old B Bank, leading the Teen Ayuyus with his four goals. Kaden Church added three, Brian Lubao, Taka Borja, and Rinto Takahashi made two apiece, and Akira Kadokura and Goto contributed one each.

MP United 6, Kanoa 1

In the other MSL game last weekend, MP United Football Club notched win No. 2 after downing Kanoa Football Club.

Basa Lee paced MPU after firing four goals, while Nick Holt chipped in two. Raphael Zapanta registered the lone goal for Kanoa.

MSL 2
Saipan United 2, NMI WNT 0

Saipan United regained the lead in the division after beating the NMI Women's National Team last Friday.

Floyd Muña and Michael Devanna scored for Saipan United, which improved its record to 5-0-1 to move back to the top spot in the leaderboard, slighting ahead of Bangladesh Youth.

Bangladesh Youth 2, Matansa 0

Bangladesh Youth earned a 4-0-2 mark after beating Matansa in the second game last Friday.

Shakib Shakib recorded the twin goals for Bangladesh Youth.

Bangladesh FC 3, Island Star 2

In last Sunday's curtain-raiser, Bangladesh Football Club nipped Island Star for its second victory.

Bangladesh FC raced to a 3-0 lead in the first half to gain enough cushion and survive Island Star's uprising in the second.

Md. Titu Ahmed scored two goals, while Md. Soheal Akanda tallied the other one for Bangladesh FC. Zhixiang Lin and Wei Ping Chen made the two goals for Island Star, which has only one win so far in the season.

Meanwhile, the other match last Sunday had The One FC and Shirley's Football Club settling for a scoreless draw.

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	88	52	.629	–
Boston	80	62	.563	9
New York	78	61	.561	9½
Toronto	76	62	.551	11
Baltimore	45	93	.326	42

Central Division

Chicago	80	59	.576	–
Cleveland	68	69	.496	11
Detroit	66	75	.468	15
Kansas City	62	77	.446	18
Minnesota	62	77	.446	18

West Division

Houston	81	58	.583	–
Seattle	76	64	.543	5½
Oakland	75	64	.540	6
Los Angeles	69	71	.493	12½
Texas	51	88	.367	30

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	73	65	.529	–
Philadelphia	71	68	.511	2½
New York	70	70	.500	4
Miami	58	81	.417	15½
Washington	58	81	.417	15½

Central Division

Milwaukee	86	55	.610	–
Cincinnati	74	67	.525	12
St. Louis	70	68	.507	14½
Chicago	65	76	.461	21
Pittsburgh	50	90	.357	35½

West Division

San Francisco	90	50	.643	–
Los Angeles	88	52	.629	2
San Diego	74	65	.532	15½
Colorado	63	77	.450	27
Arizona	45	95	.321	45

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NMIFA STANDINGS

(As of Sept. 8, 2021)

MARIANAS SOCCER LEAGUE

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
NMI U18 NT	5	5	0	0	22	1	21	15
Paire FC	6	5	0	1	19	6	13	15
TanHoldings	4	3	0	1	11	5	6	9
MP United	6	2	0	4	9	13	-4	6
Kanoa FC	7	2	0	5	14	27	-13	6
Old B Bank	6	0	0	6	2	25	-23	0

MARIANAS SOCCER LEAGUE 2

Saipan United	6	5	0	1	22	12	10	15
Bangladesh Youth	6	4	2	0	13	5	8	14
The One FC	6	2	3	1	10	11	-1	9
Bangladesh FC	7	2	2	3	14	14	0	8
Matansa FC	5	2	1	2	9	12	-3	7
NMI WNT	5	1	2	2	8	10	-2	5
Island Star	6	1	1	4	9	14	-5	4
Shirley's FC	7	1	1	5	11	18	-7	4

Pac Chain wins Labor Day Softball tourney

Home team Pac Chain defeated Sweet Rolls of Saipan in the finals and was hailed champion of the 16th Annual CNMI Labor Day Softball Tournament held last weekend at the Willow Lane Sports Complex in Boise, Idaho.

The team had to really work hard for the championship though as despite earning the first seed with a 5-0 record in the eliminations, they were ambushed by No. 2 seed Sweet Rolls in Game 1 of the finals, 24-8.

With their twice-to-beat advantage gone, Pac Chain had to dig deep against Sweet Rolls in Game 2. They got some much-needed offensive momentum back by putting up 17 runs through five complete innings and scored six more runs in the bottom of the sixth as insurance.

But Sweet Rolls had no quit in them and kept the pressure on the host team by scoring three more in the top of the seventh. Pac Chain's defense held it together in the bottom of the seventh to close it out with a final score of 23-20.

Pac Chain of Boise, Idaho topped the 16th Annual CNMI Labor Day Softball Tournament held last weekend at the Willow Lane Sports Complex in Boise, Idaho. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Sweet Rolls of Saipan finished runner-up in the 16th Annual CNMI Labor Day Softball Tournament held last weekend at the Willow Lane Sports Complex in Boise, Idaho. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Fat Boiz of Seattle, Washington finished third in the 16th Annual CNMI Labor Day Softball Tournament held last weekend at the Willow Lane Sports Complex in Boise, Idaho. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

This year's championship gave Pac Chain their fourth CNMI Labor Day Softball title. They previously won in 2011 and 2014 in Portland, Oregon and 2016 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The team also finished second three times in the tourney—2010 in Kent, Washington, 2015 in Tacoma, Washington, and 2018 in Enumclaw, Washington.

The 2021 champion team is made up of Jonathan Villagomez, Ton Salas, Johnathan Salas, Chris Salas, Jay Kintol, Justin Kintol, Nate Kintol, Jordan Pangelinan, Shine Tenorio, Ion Rasa, Riley Hayes, and Kevin Hallock.

Fat Boiz of Seattle, Washington finished third after losing to Sweet Rolls in the semifinals, 8-23. Da Couve of Vancouver, Washington was fourth place. The Sportsmanship Award was given to Marianas Native Islanders.

Another powerhouse squad that has multiple CNMI Labor Softball championships is Atmarao out of Arizona. They won titles in 2015 in Tacoma and 2017 in Santa Clarita, California. They also have multiple runners-up finishes in 2011 in Portland, 2013 in Gilbert, Arizona, and 2014 in Portland.

TNB/Machalapun, Sakudi, Kimason, and Bulacheru Kings round up the other powerhouse teams that still consistently participate in the annual softball showdown. Teams Adai Hao, Isao, Chamlau, Island Boys, Trenchers, and Kommonwealth all put up solid outings as well during the tournament. During recent years there have been new teams that came out to play in the popular annual softball tournament.

The annual softball tournament showcases a lot of the CNMI's former Little League Major, Senior, and Big League All-Stars. Also many of the islands' homegrown players who have represented the CNMI in the Micronesian Games, Mobil Games, and South Pacific Games also take part in the annual tournament held during Labor Day weekend.

Aside from playing softball, the tournament serves as family reunions for many CNMI residents living in the U.S. mainland, a weekend where friends and relatives gather to enjoy playing and watching the game on the diamond. CNMI culture and the Marianas way are in full display during the tournament with local dishes, live local music, and great hospitality for all ages.

Starting as a six-team tournament back in 2005 in Salem, Oregon, the CNMI Labor Day Softball Tournament has truly grown much larger and for everyone to enjoy.

The 2021 Boise Labor Day tournament committee would like to thank all the sponsors, volunteers, umpires, and supporters for all their help in making the tournament a safe and successful event.

Organizers would also like to thank Jesse and Jojo Attao of Idaho, Kelvin Duenas of Oregon, and folks up in Washington state for opening up the annual softball tournament to all teams outside of the Pacific Northwest. Before that it was only CNMI residents living in Oregon and Washington that played the softball tournament during the late 1990 to early 2000s. Washington state will again be hosting the annual tourney in 2022. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

Joe Diaz: I'm still proud of my boys

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San Antonio Sixers may have lost the Inaugural NMI Rollers Men's Basketball Tournament last Sunday, but for Joe Diaz, who coached the team in the finals in lieu of head coach Dave Apatang, merely reviving the Sixers name was already an accomplishment.

"I'm very proud of our boys, the Sixers, and I'm very glad that together with coach Dave we brought back the name Sixers, the San Antonio Sixers. Pretty much all these boys are from San Antonio and they played under Jessie Tudela of the Sonics. My great-great grandmother is also from San Antonio and my mom is also from San Antonio and I too live in San Antonio. I coached the G-Rollers because at that time Ryan Nisperos was coaching the Sixers," he said.

While losing despite a twice-to-beat advantage against eventual champion The Game entering the finals stung, Diaz said he has already put that defeat in the rearview mirror.

"I'm just proud of our boys. We have not really played together long. We have not even practiced. We just put the team together. Basically coach Dave and I handled the Sixers. It was really a hard battle due to their (The Game) big guys. Eric Joe and Richard McWilliams are big guys and they punished us a lot in the bottom. In the first game we gave everything we had to catch up. We were down 21 points and made it close in the end to lose by just 3 points," he said.

The Game's Jeff Sagum drives to the basket against a phalanx of San Antonio Sixers in Game 1 of the Inaugural NMI Rollers Men's Basketball Tournament finals last Sunday at the Koblerville Basketball Court. MARK RABAGO

Diaz admits that nerves got the better of his team in the clutch as they gave up a 15-point lead in Game 2 and ultimately lost the championship when McWilliams and Joe connected on an alley-oop play with 25.5 left in the game clock.

"For Game 2, we missed crucial free throws and had many turnovers. We were up in the second game and we were comfortable and didn't push enough and we started cramping up left and right. I couldn't use Jaymark [De Guzman] that much and Jun Fidelino missed an easy basket. The guys were tired and they fought hard. I'll give it to The Game. It's a good championship. Both teams were excellent and fans came out to watch and they were able to watch two great championship games."

It all boiled down to The Game coach Clint Albert's big men dominating the inside, according to Diaz.

"It's very physical and very hard. I give our big guys Josh Andrew, Gerald Flores, and Jun Fidelino props. I feel so proud because they were dealing with The Game's Joe, McWilliams, and Dean Blake. They were actually in foul trouble but they played smart," he said.

Diaz also took his hat off to Finals MVP McWilliams.

"Richard's basketball IQ was phenomenal and he understands a lot about the game and he broke a lot of our defense. That's why we tried to foul him out but he did good today. Both teams did good."

NMI Rollers Basketball Association founder also took time to thank the tourney's main sponsor and all the volunteers that helped make the tourney a success.

"I would like to thank our sponsor, Pacific Amusement, and give other teams a big thank you. This is our first 5x5 tournament. We ran it smoothly and thanks to our volunteers who helped us a lot. I know the fans didn't like the mask and all those protocols, but at the end of the day everybody got to be safe. Better safe than sorry."

Renfroe's HR sends Boston Red Sox past Tampa Bay Rays, 2-1

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'Pikaboo' surprises Cuki to win Expert Class

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Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez finally gave his old man a taste of his own medicine after beating Cuki in the Expert Class of Marianas Racing Association's Labor Day Race last Sunday at the Cowtown Raceway Park in Marpi.

The younger Alvarez finished second to Cuki in the Monster Energy Drink MRA Point Series last season and came to last Sunday's race raring to turn the tables on his father.

And he did just that after Shane beat Cuki in the sudden death second heat to, at least in one race, claim to be the best motocross rider in the Alvarez household. In the first heat, the father and son finished tied with 47 points apiece. Alverick made it an Alvarez sweep in the Expert Class when he finished with 40 points to complete the Top 3.

"It's been my goal to beat my dad fair and square in a race since we started riding again last year. I mean he's much older now so he isn't in his prime anymore but he's still the best rider here, hands down. He beat me in the first heat of the day but since I got second if I were to beat him in the second heat that would make me the overall winner

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Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez won the Expert Class of Marianas Racing Association's Labor Day Race last Sunday after beating his father, Cuki, in the sudden-death Heat 2 at the Cowtown Raceway Park in Marpi.

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The NMI Boys U18 National Team's Jeremiah Diaz, left, and Kohtaro Goto celebrate after the former scored in the first half of their game against Paire Football Club in the Marianas Soccer League Summer Season last Sunday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

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NMI U18 moves on top

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The NMI Boys U18 National Team grabbed the top spot in the team standings of the Marianas Soccer League Summer Season following a pair of wins last week at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

The Teen Ayuyus first clobbered the Old B Bank last Sept. 2, 15-0, and then had a similar shutout win over Paire Football Club last Sunday, 3-0. The NMI U18 handed Paire its first loss of

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Rintaro makes it to HS soccer elite list

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Former MP United midfielder Rintaro Miyawaki has been named to the 2021 Lohud Elite 11 while suiting up for the Westchester Flames.

Miyawaki and his Westchester Flames teammates play in USL League Two, the fourth tier of the American soccer pyramid.

The 17-year-old senior at Eastchester High School made it to the 2021 Lohud Elite 11 because of his offensive game. He finished with nine goals and four assists for the Westchester Flames last fall.

"Not many defenders are equipped to match up with the Eagles' go-to scorer…Miyawaki is fast enough to win a footrace to the ball and strong enough to lean on defenders and finish in a crowd," a quote from his selection to the 2021 Lohud Elite on social media read.

Miyawaki is elated that he was selected in the 2021 Lohud Elite 11 for the varsity high school season that started only last week.

Rintaro Miyawaki, seen here in a file photo while suiting up for the Westchester Flames, has been named to the 2021 Lohud Elite 11 in the USL League Two.

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"My reaction was happy but honestly not surprised. For my club my team just joined as one of the USL Academy teams and have a record of 2-0 right now. Playing soccer on Saipan made me love the sport so I am glad I still play all the way here in New York. Shout out to all my old Saipan teammates," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

His former coach at MPU, Randy Steele, said he's not surprised that his ward's talent in the pitch is translating well in the high school competition in the U.S. mainland.

"I coached him for a number of seasons between ages 6-12. In that time he went from fairly good to a near unstoppable scorer in his age group. He's very fast and has a strong leg. Looking back, this MPU age group was outstanding. Besides Rintaro doing very good in New York, three others are playing on the 18-and-under national teams. But Rintaro was the dominant force who could carry the team to victories. We're all very happy that he is thriving stateside," he said.

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